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Sharon in Grave Condition

Israeli PM undergoes surgery after life-threatening stroke

JERUSALEM | Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a massive, life-threatening stroke Wednesday and underwent lengthy surgery to drain blood from his brain after falling ill at his ranch. Powers were transferred to his deputy, Ehud Olmert.

Doctors placed Sharon on a respirator and were trying to save his life only hours before the hard-charging, overweight, 77-year-old Israeli leader had been scheduled to undergo a procedure to seal a hole in his heart

that contributed to a mild stroke on Dec. 18.

Sharon's health crisis came at a time of upheaval among Palestinian factions in Gaza and in the midst of both Israeli and Palestinian election campaigns. Sharon's absence would halt momentum toward further peacemaking with the Palestinians and leave a major vacuum at the head of his new Kadima party, which was expected to head a government after the March 28 vote.

Dr. Shlomo Mor-Yosef, director of Hadassah



Sharon

Hospital in Jerusalem, said Sharon suffered "a significant stroke," adding that he was "under anesthetic and receiving breathing assistance." A few minutes later, Mor-Yosef emerged to say that initial tests showed

Sharon had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, or bleeding in his brain.

Sharon's personal physician said early Thursday that he expects Sharon to emerge from surgery "safely." STEVE WEIZMAN (AP)

Mining Town Grieves Lost 'Miracle'



UNITED IN SORROW: People raise candles in Tallmansville, W.Va., Wednesday for those killed after an explosion in a nearby mine. In a tragic mistake, families were first told 12 of the 13 miners had lived, only to learn later that all but one had died. ❖ **With regret:** Mine officials apologize for miscommunication | **Page 3**

DRIPS | Is Your Honor's Roof Leaking? Two Farmington, Mo., telephone pranksters were sentenced to probation Friday after picking the wrong guy for an early morning call — a judge. In the 2003 incident, Gabriel Wichman gave friend Ryan



Fleming judge Thomas Ray's phone number while Fleming was making prank calls. Fleming left a message on the answering machine, and Ray contacted police, who traced the number. Wichman was friends with Ray's daughter. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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DISABILITIES

He's Integrity-Challenged

A Canton, Ohio, man lied about having his wheelchair stolen so he could con a sympathetic public into giving him a new one, authorities said. Virgil Stewart, who is missing part of a leg, told police that he was attacked on Dec. 19 by robbers who threw him into a fire hydrant and ran off with his wheelchair. A car dealership and nursing home each gave him a new wheelchair. But now police say the assault never happened. Before reporting the phony assault, Stewart had asked employees at a post office if he could leave his wheelchair there, and Stewart has since confessed, police said. (AP)



BACHELORHOOD

Charged With Having Cake, Eating It, Too

Four years ago, Renize Davidson of Winter Springs, Fla., filed for divorce. But then he told his wife he'd changed his mind, and the two continued on as they had before. At least that's what

his wife, Sally A. Erickson, thought. It turns out Davidson had gone back to court and gotten a default judgment against her without her knowledge, meaning the two have been legally divorced for two years, the Orlando Sentinel reported. After uncovering the truth in November, she's suing him for fraud. (EXPRESS)



JAMES A. FINLEY/AP

RESALE VALUE

Snake Heads

Nothing makes a good investment like a bona fide freak of nature.

Leonard Sonnenschein, president of the World Aquarium in St. Louis, purchased *We*, a two-headed albino rat snake, for \$15,000 six years ago after its owner offered it for sale days after the snake's birth. Although most two-headed snakes don't live more than a few months, *We* has lasted this long, and now Sonnenschein has decided to put the reptile up for sale.

Bidding on e-Bay will start at \$150,000. (EXPRESS)



POLITICS

Chicken in Every Pot, MP3 in Every Laptop

A new political party in Sweden that aims to decriminalize so-called "Internet piracy" is running in the next elections, Agence France Presse reported. The Pirate Party's goal is "abolishing intellectual property" and ending criminal penalties for online file-sharing, the party said. Seven months ago, Sweden banned file-sharing without royalty payment—a move that shows "politicians exist in a world that has almost no connection with today's in many ways technology-fixated youth," party president Rickard Falkvinge said. "Technology has completely undermined the need for a whole class of businesses." (EXPRESS)

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"If we'd been able to do this before 9/11, we might have been able to pick up on two of the hijackers who flew a jet into the Pentagon."

—Vice President Dick Cheney, defending the White House's domestic spy program

Nation

In Brief

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

Gov. Jeb Bush Signs Bill To Regulate Slot Machines

Gov. Jeb Bush, long an opponent of gambling, signed into law Wednesday a bill allowing Las Vegas-style slot machines in four Fort Lauderdale area betting sites. The move ends a long battle between gambling opponents and advocates who argue the machines will raise hundreds of millions of dollars for schools. The state will receive 50 percent of the machines' profits and must spend the revenue on public schools. (AP)

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Nurse Sentenced for Giving Diluted Flu Shots to Students

A nurse who staged a flu clinic using diluted vaccine on a college campus was sentenced Wednesday to nine months in federal prison. Michelle Torgerson apologized to more than three dozen students and faculty members who received watered down shots that were not strong enough to ward off the flu. Torgerson had pleaded guilty in May to a felony charge of dispensing a drug without a prescription. (AP)

Taking Sides on Alito

→ With the start of Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito's confirmation hearings days away, activists groups are turning up the volume on their efforts. | **Today, A Section**

The Washington Post

Miners Likely Retreated After Blast

Officials say workers in deadly mishap followed their training

TALLMANSVILLE, W.VA. | With their escape routes blocked by heavy smoke, most of the 13 miners caught in an explosion did what they were trained to do: They retreated deeper into the mine and hung a curtain-like barrier to keep out toxic gases while they waited for rescuers to find them, officials said Wednesday. All but one were found dead more than a day and half after the blast.

The miners' families learned of the 12 deaths during a torturous night in which they were mistakenly told at first that 12 of the men were alive. It took three hours before the families were told the truth, and their joy turned instantly to fury,



Medical workers load the body of a coal miner into a refrigerated truck Wednesday.

with one man lunging at coal company officials.

It was the nation's deadliest coal mining accident in more than four years.

The sole survivor, 27-year-old

Randal McCloy, lay in critical condition with a collapsed lung and dehydration but no sign of brain damage or carbon monoxide poisoning after being trapped for more than 42 hours, a doctor said. McCloy

was one of the youngest miners in the group.

Ben Hatfield, chief executive of mine owner International Coal Group Inc., said that the company did the best it could under extreme stress and exhaustion, and that officials "sincerely regret" the families were left to believe for so long that their loved ones were alive.

"In the process of being cautious, we allowed the jubilation to go on longer than it should have," a choked-up Hatfield said.

He said the initial mistake resulted from a miscommunication among the rescue crews. Another official suggested the misunderstanding was due to rescuers wearing full-face oxygen masks and using radios.

The last of the 12 bodies were taken out of the mine at midmorning. VICKI SMITH (AP)

High Court Allows Padilla Transfer

Justices plan to review indefinite detention of 'enemy combatant'

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court agreed Wednesday to let the military transfer accused "enemy combatant" Jose Padilla to Miami to face criminal charges in at least a temporary victory for the Bush administration.

The justices overruled a lower

court, which had attempted to block the transfer. The court said it will decide later whether to consider the inmate's argument that President Bush overstepped his authority by ordering Padilla's indefinite detention in 2002. It granted the Bush administration's request for a



Padilla

transfer and said Padilla's broader appeal would be considered "in due course."

Padilla's jailing as an enemy combatant for the past 3½ years has been the subject of multiple court rulings and criticism by civil rights groups.

The Supreme Court had been asked to use Padilla's case to define the scope of a president's power over U.S. citizens taken into custody on U.S. soil. GINA HOLLAND (AP)

Woman Admits Dumping Infant

ELK POINT, S.D. | Saying she was afraid of how her boyfriend would react, a woman admitted Wednesday to throwing away her newborn, whose body was found in a garbage bag at a Nebraska landfill.

Lori Schultz, 21, pleaded guilty in Union County court to second-degree manslaughter, in an agreement with prosecutors. She could receive up to 10 years in prison at sentencing, set for Feb. 28. (AP)



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Abramoff Pleads Guilty in Fla. Case

Bush, top Republicans to return lobbyist's political donations

WASHINGTON | President Bush, former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and his successor, Roy Blunt, on Wednesday joined the list of officials shedding political donations from Jack Abramoff, the once-powerful lobbyist who has agreed to testify in a political corruption investigation.



Abramoff

Abramoff pleaded guilty to conspiracy and wire fraud charges on Wednesday stemming from his 2000 purchase of a gambling boat fleet called SunCruz.

His Own Worst Enemy?

→ While Abramoff's cooperation is a boon to prosecutors, his fraud admissions are likely to be ammunition against him in future testimony. | **Today, A Section**

The Washington Post

Abramoff has agreed to tell the FBI about alleged bribes to lawmakers and their aides on issues ranging from Internet gambling to wireless phone service in the House.

The full extent of the investigation is not yet known, but Justice Department officials said they intended to make use of the trove of e-mails and other material in Abramoff's possession as part of a probe that is believed to be focusing on as many as 20 members of Congress and aides. PETE YOST (AP)

OREGON | HEAVY RAINS CAUSE LANE COLLAPSE



LOUSENICK/AP

WASHED AWAY: Road construction crews begin to repair U.S. Highway 101 2 miles south of Port Orford, Ore., on Wednesday. The same heavy rains that caused flooding in Northern California took their toll on Oregon roads.

Bush Predicts Year of Success in Iraq

WASHINGTON | President Bush predicted Wednesday that the new year will bring advances and more international cooperation in the war on terror, giving an upbeat assessment after meeting with his top military commanders from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Bush said top military advisors recognized terrorists still threaten the world.

After his first visit to the Pentagon this year, Bush repeated his arguments for staying the course that were his major focus at the end of 2005. (AP)



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Pa. Board Repeals 'Intelligent Design'

New school panel rescinds policy weeks after judge's ruling

DOVER, PA. | Biology teacher Jennifer Miller had refused to read a statement about intelligent design before her lesson on evolution. Now, the policy that led to a landmark lawsuit will no longer be required in her school.

The Dover Area School District's policy of treating the concept as an alternative to evolution was officially relegated to the history books Tuesday night. Newly elected board members unanimously rescinded the policy on a voice vote and with no discussion beforehand. A judge ruled it unconstitutional two weeks earlier.

"I will feel comfortable again teaching what I'd always felt comfortable teaching," Miller said.

A different group of school board members had been in control when the policy was approved in October 2004. The policy required that a statement be read that said Darwin's theory is "not a fact" and has inexplicable "gaps." It also referred students to an "intelligent-design" book, "Of Pandas and People."

Eight families sued, and on Dec. 20, U.S. District Judge John E. Jones III sided with their argument that the concept of "intelligent design" — which attributes the existence of complex organisms to an unidentified intelligent cause — is religious, not scientific. The judge said that violated the establishment clause in the First Amendment.

"This is it," new school board president Bernadette Reinking said, indicating the vote was final and the case was closed.

MARTHA RAFFAELE (AP)

Dry Conditions Have Firefighters on Alert

More blazes expected in Okla. due to wind and high temperatures

DALLAS | A wildfire that scorched about 50,000 acres in western Texas was nearly contained Wednesday as firefighters across the state monitored flare-ups amid slightly lighter winds and cooler temperatures.

The blaze, which stretched across Irion and Reagan counties west of San Angelo, was the last major wildfire in Texas.

Grass fires started by as little as a spark from a car or downed power lines have burned more than 600,000 acres across a drought-stricken stretch of Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico in the past week and a half. The fires have destroyed at least 470 homes and killed five people.

Arsonists were blamed for a fire

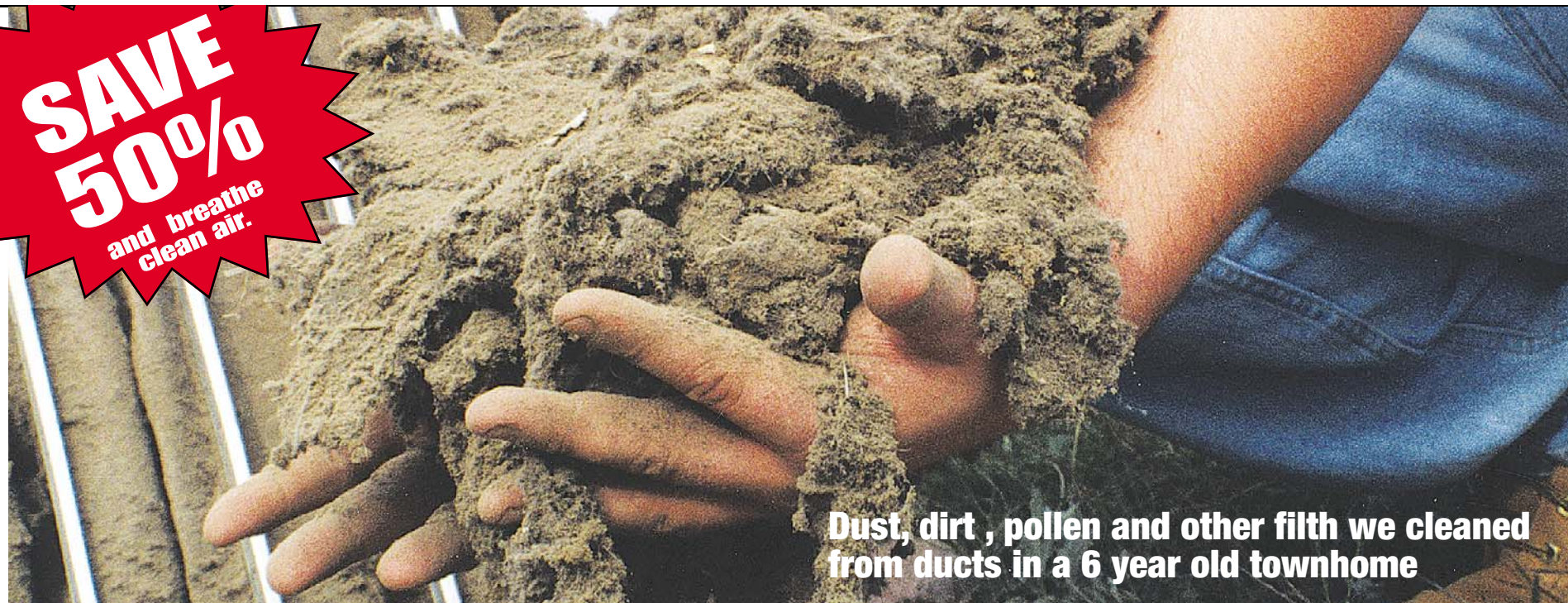


Firefighters battle a grass fire near Seminole, Okla., on Wednesday.

that still burned Wednesday morning near Davis in Murray County, officials said. The blaze began near a highway and other fires in the area appeared to have been set by people near roadways, he said.

Fires were largely contained in Oklahoma, but more were expected, with highs in the low 60s and winds of up to 20 mph in some areas. No rain was in the forecast. (AP)

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SHOOK UP: An Austrian Elvis enthusiast was stunned when Presley's former bass player slapped him with a copyright suit. But a Vienna court threw out the case, ruling he did not break any laws by recording an instrumental version of an Elvis tune.

In Brief

KANDAHAR, AFGHANISTAN Taliban Militants Behead Teacher in Front of Family

Taliban militants beheaded a teacher in a central Afghan town while his wife and eight children watched, officials said Wednesday, describing the latest in a string of attacks targeting educators at schools where girls study. Four men stabbed Malim Abdul Habib eight times late Tuesday before decapitating him in the courtyard of his home in Qalat, said Ali Khail, a spokesman for the provincial government of Zabul, where the attack took place. (AP)



Local residents light candles in memory of the victims of the ice rink disaster.

BAD REICHENHALL, GERMANY Search Persists for Woman Trapped in Ice Rink Collapse

Rescuers searched feverishly for a woman believed still trapped under the wreckage of an ice arena that collapsed earlier this week in southern Germany, killing 14 people — mostly children and teens. Search efforts headed into a third night late Wednesday, with heavy machines working to remove debris from the surface of the ice rink in the effort to find a 40-year-old woman who was still unaccounted for days after the roof collapsed during a free skate Monday afternoon. (AP)

Sharon Crisis New Blow to Mideast

Israeli leader's exit would throw region's future into uncertainty

JERUSALEM | Ariel Sharon's massive stroke on Wednesday was sure to throw both Israeli politics and Mideast peacemaking efforts into turmoil, perhaps raising the electoral fortunes of hardline opponents such as Benjamin Netanyahu and damaging prospects for a deal with the Palestinians.

The Israeli prime minister broke away from his hardline Likud Party in November, and the new centrist party he formed, Kadima, had been

the strong favorite to win March 28 elections. But Kadima was largely a one-man show, and no one knows its future without the 77-year-old Sharon.

Doctors on Wednesday said the chances of making a full recovery from the sort of massive stroke suffered by Sharon are slim.

In recent months, many Israelis have placed high hopes on Sharon as the politician best positioned to draw Israel's final borders.



Sharon

Sharon's transformation from hawk to pragmatist — combined with last year's death of longtime Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat — has given the Middle East a chance for a return to peacemaking after five years of bloodshed.

In March, Sharon had been expected to face off against Netanyahu, the hawkish former Israeli prime minister who recently won the Likud primaries, and Amir Peretz, the union leader who recently unseated veteran Israeli politician Shimon Peres as head of the Labor Party.

Sharon's exit from the political stage would scramble Israeli politics

but also redraw personal relations that are so important to Mideast diplomacy.

Sharon and President Bush forged close ties after a rough beginning and the Israeli leader has been a frequent visitor at the White House. Bush warmly embraced Sharon's withdrawal from Gaza and backed his tough policy against the Palestinians, echoing Sharon's demand that the Palestinians take steps to stop violence. STEVEN GUTKIN (AP)

Health crisis: Get the latest on Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's condition | washingtonpost.com

Turkey Reports 2 Human Cases Of Avian Flu

ANKARA, TURKEY | Turkish labs have reported two human cases of bird flu in preliminary tests: a teenage farm boy who died after developing pneumonia-like symptoms and his sister, the health minister said.

If the boy's death is confirmed as being from the deadly H5N1 strain, it would be the first outside southeast Asia in the current bird flu outbreak. Health Minister Recep Akdag did not say if the 14-year-old boy had died from H5N1, but he said Wednesday that samples were being sent to a British lab for further tests. Authorities are closely monitoring H5N1, for fear it could mutate into a form easily passed between humans and spark a pandemic.

Birds in Turkey, Romania, Russia and Croatia have recently tested positive for H5N1. (AP)



TORN DOWN: Palestinians stream through a hole in the Gaza-Egypt border after Palestinian militants, angry at the jailing of one of their leaders by the Palestinian police, used stolen bulldozers Wednesday to ram through part of the border wall.

Palestinians Storm Egyptian Border

RAFAH, GAZA STRIP | Hundreds of angry Palestinians streamed into Egypt on Wednesday after militants with stolen bulldozers broke through a border wall, and two Egyptian troops were killed and 30 were wounded by gunfire in the rampage.

About 3,000 Egyptian Interior Ministry troops who initially had no orders to fire swarmed the border but were forced to withdraw about a half-mile, said security forces Lt. Sameh el-Antablyan,

who announced the casualties.

Gen. Essam el-Sheikh said Egyptian forces later began firing back.

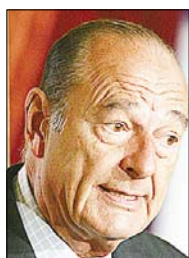
The scene was one of utter chaos. An Egyptian armored vehicle was burning and hundreds of Palestinians could be seen crouched in farm fields just inside Egypt.

The militants' rampage through the southern Gaza town of Rafah underscored the growing lawlessness in Palestinian towns, especially in Gaza, and represented the most

brazen challenge to Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas.

The rampage began late Tuesday, after Palestinian intelligence arrested Alaa al-Hams, an Al Aqsa militant. Al-Hams' followers fired at the Palestinian security headquarters in Rafah, where he was held, briefly took over four government buildings, and then drove to the Rafah crossing, which was reopened last month after intense negotiations directed by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. (AP)

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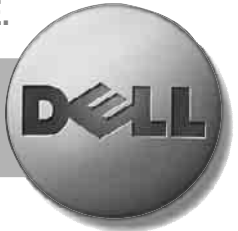


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World

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The record number of text messages sent by Greek Cypriot cell phone users during the holidays, causing the network to overload, officials report. Some 1.14 million messages were sent during the first hour of 2006.

32 Killed in Attack on Iraqi Funeral

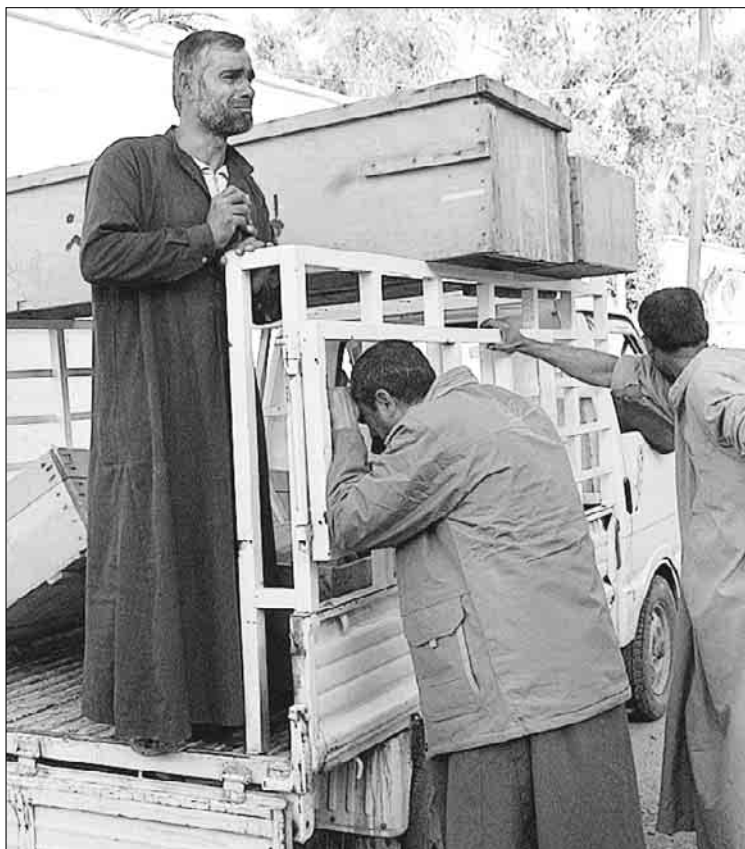
Blast hits burial for kin of Shiite politician in surge of new violence

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | A suicide bomber killed at least 32 mourners and injured dozens Wednesday at a funeral for the nephew of a Shiite politician, one of several attacks across Iraq that killed 53 people in a sudden surge of new violence following last month's elections.

The bloodshed, which bore the touches of Islamic extremist groups such as al Qaeda in Iraq, came as Iraq's three major political parties were said to be near a deal for a broad coalition government that would include Shiites, Sunni Arabs and Kurds. At least one senior Shiite politician forecast more violence as that time approached.

Bits of flesh were strewn around the cemetery in the aftermath of the attack in Muqdadiah, about 60 miles north of Baghdad, and tombstones were splattered in blood.

More than 100 people had assembled at the cemetery for the



DEADLY DAY: Relatives mourn as the coffins of victims of a suicide bomb attack on a funeral in Muqdadiah, Iraq, arrive at the local hospital's morgue on Wednesday.

IRAQI DEATH TOLL

→ More than 7,000 Iraqis, including 4,021 civilians, were killed in violence in 2005, the first year that Iraqi officials have kept such records, an Interior Ministry official said Wednesday. The year 2005 saw 2,880 terrorist attacks against targets in Iraq, the official claimed. (AP)

burial of a nephew of Ahmed al-Bakka, the director of the local hospital, when the bomber struck.

"We were walking in the funeral procession when a strange person joined the crowd," said Amer Khazim, 37. "Suddenly, there was a strong sound and we were turned upside down ... I saw many legs and hands flying all over the place."

Separately, a militant ambush of a convoy of 60 oil tanker trucks headed from Iraq's biggest refinery to the capital destroyed four of the vehicles and damaged 15 others. That attack was claimed by the Islamic Army in Iraq.

PATRICK QUINN (AP)



People search for survivors in the wreckage of landslide that hit Cijeruk.

Dozens Go Missing in Landslide

More than 100 feared dead after heavy rains soak central Indonesia

CIJERUK, INDONESIA | A landslide buried a village beneath tons of mud and rock Wednesday, as the number of people dead or missing following days of pounding rain in central Indonesia climbed to more than 190, officials said.

One man described watching helplessly as dozens of his neighbors were buried alive in Cijeruk, some of them screaming "Allah Akbar" or "God is Great" as they disappeared beneath the thick clay-like mud.

And though residents and police continued to dig for survivors with their bare hands, officials held out little hope for the more than 100 people still missing.

In Jember, a district hundreds of miles to the east, helicopters ferried away people injured in flash floods that have claimed 77 lives since Monday.

Heavy tropical downpours cause dozens of landslides and flash floods each year in Indonesia, where millions of people live in mountainous regions and near fertile flood plains close to rivers. IRWAN FIRDAUS (AP)

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Russia, Ukraine Resolve Dispute On Gas Supplies

MOSCOW | Russia and Ukraine reached agreement Wednesday on restoring natural gas supplies to Ukraine, ending — for now, at least — a dispute that ripped an even larger chasm between the two former Soviet republics, rattled European consumers of Russian gas and called into question Moscow's reputation as a reliable energy provider to the West.

Almost a week after negotiations collapsed, both Moscow and Kiev claimed victory in the complicated, five-year deal that involves a complex pricing plan.

Analysts had mixed reactions to the deal, which has Ukraine buying gas from the RosUkrEnergo trading company for almost twice what it had been paying, but still lower than the fourfold increase Russia originally sought. (AP)

IN The Washington Post | POLICE BEATING ALLEGED



COURT FILINGS: Emile Mazloum, flanked by his lawyer and an enlarged photo showing injuries he sustained at D.C.'s Fur nightclub, said Wednesday that last March, off-duty D.C. police officers beat him and called him an "al Qaeda" at the club. The Lebanese man is suing Fur and police for alleged brutality and racial discrimination. | **Today in Metro**

Post Shakes Up D.C. Radio

Newspaper to launch station with all-news format in late March

WASHINGTON | A new radio station serving the Washington metropolitan area with content from The Washington Post will begin broadcasting in late March, company officials announced today.

Boisfeuillet Jones Jr., the Washington Post's publisher and chief executive, said in a memo to staff that the new radio station, which will be named Washington Post Radio, will be owned and operated by Salt Lake City-based Bonneville International Corp.

The Washington Nationals

are close to finalizing a deal with Bonneville to broadcast the team's games on the new station, according to sources with direct knowledge of the negotiations. The deal, which is likely to be for more than one season, could drastically improve the Nationals' presence over the air.

Bonneville, a diversified media company with radio, television, satellite and advertising holdings, said Washington Post Radio will broadcast on FM-107.7 and AM-1500, the locations that for years have housed WTOP, the company's flagship local 24-hour news station.

WTOP will then move to FM-103.5, Bonneville announced, a move it said would strengthen the station's FM signal. Classical sta-

tion WGMS will immediately move to FM-104.1/103.9, replacing modern rock station WWZZ, FM-104.1, known as Z104.

"It will be smart, savvy, provocative and thoughtful. News hungry Washington is the best town for this new format," Bruce Reese, president and CEO of Bonneville, said in a news release.

Last year, their first in Washington, the Nationals' games were carried on Bonneville stations WWZZ and WFED, AM-1050 — and many fans complained that they couldn't get good reception, particularly on the AM frequency, which was the sole carrier for most afternoon games. DANIELA DEANE AND BARRY SVRLUGA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Despite Veto Threat, Smoking Ban Passes

Measure would affect restaurants first, then bars, clubs in Jan. '07

WASHINGTON | The D.C. Council today approved a broad ban on smoking in District bars and restaurants. Mayor Anthony A. Williams (D) has threatened to veto the bill, but supporters have more than enough votes to override a veto.

The ban, which passed by a vote of 11-1, is modeled closely on similar restrictions in New York City. The District ban would first apply to all restaurant dining rooms upon enactment and then extend to bars, nightclubs and taverns in

January 2007.

Council member Carol Schwartz (R-At Large), cast the lone vote against the ban. Council member Sharon Ambrose (D-Ward 6) was absent for the vote.

Williams has argued that the ban would hurt the hospitality industry and put small bars and neighborhood taverns out of business.

The law would include exemptions for outdoor areas, hotel rooms, retail tobacco outlets and cigar and hookah bars and facilities that research the effects of smoking. The measure also would provide an economic-hardship waiver for businesses that could demonstrate a "significant negative impact."

ERIC M. WEISS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Mayor Questions Arbitration Move

WASHINGTON | Major League Baseball filed an arbitration claim against the District of Columbia on Wednesday to settle a dispute over a proposed new stadium for the Washington Nationals.

"We have an agreement and we think we're within the four corners of the agreement," Mayor Anthony A. Williams said, adding the arbitration claim came as no surprise.

Robert DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, said the city failed to meet a Dec. 31 deadline for D.C. Council approval of a stadium lease for a ballpark on the Anacostia waterfront.

The lease must be approved before the city can issue \$535 million in bonds to pay for construction and before MLB will name a new owner. HEATHER GREENFIELD (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON D.C. Police Arrest 2 Teens In Death of Allen's Grandson

Two teens are under arrest on murder charges in the New Year's Eve shooting death of 15-year-old John Allen Jr., the grandson of former Ward 8 Council member Sandy Allen. The Metropolitan

Police Department said the shooting was sparked by a fight involving the teenager's friends and two suspects. Police say a videotape shows the two suspects returning to the scene of the fight where one opened fire. The death marks the D.C.'s 195th and final homicide of 2005. (AP)



Allen

The Lotteries

Wednesday, Jan. 4

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	3-0-9
Evening Lucky Numbers	8-9-2
Mid-day DC 4	0-5-8-1
Evening DC 4	0-9-7-8
Rolling Cash Five	01-24-04-19-26
Daily 6	13-01-39-19-16-20 Bonus: 24

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	0-8-2
Evening Pick 3	3-5-4
Mid-day Pick 4	6-8-9-0
Evening Pick 4	0-3-2-0
Match 5	04-11-19-23-37 Bonus: 26
VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	5-9-9
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	3-1-2
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	8-1-3-8

Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	1-3-4-8
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	10-12-25-28-30
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	06-08-18-21-23

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
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Money



"What we look at is ... did you produce the record results you wanted and are you positioned to do that again in the next year?"

- Wal-Mart CEO Lee Scott, on Wall Street's skittish reaction to the company's holiday sales

Movies Could Hit Cable Earlier

Studios weigh release of DVD together with on-demand services

Cable companies and major studios are discussing strategies to release movies through video-on-demand cable services the same day they come out on DVD.

Although the talks have been in progress for several months without an agreement, people familiar with the matter say some studios could do a trial run of the strategy early this year.

Such a move would mark a major shift in the way Hollywood distributes movies — and demonstrate how eager studios are to boost sales and cater to tech-savvy consumers. Historically, movie studios have staggered distribution points — called "windows" in the industry — to maximize revenue. A movie is generally released first to theaters, then several months later on

DVD. Weeks or months after that, the movie is released through video-on-demand and on other platforms, with pay-per-view and regular television release coming last.

Now, declining box-office figures and slower growth in DVD sales, along with the emergence of new technology, have prompted talk of collapsing or eliminating the traditional windows. The idea raises many complex questions, from pricing to piracy prevention.

Video-on-demand titles typically cost around \$4, compared with an average of about \$20 for a new-release feature film on DVD. In a test, cable companies might experiment with raising the video-on-demand prices of movies that get released at the same time as DVDs. In separate tests, they might also explore allowing a consumer to keep the movie on a digital video recorder, or perhaps even to transfer it to a computer and burn it onto a disc.

(THE WALL STREET JOURNAL)

Chevrolet Is Top Brand in '05 Sales

DETROIT | Chevrolet was the best-selling brand in the U.S. market in 2005, outpacing Ford for the first time in 19 years. But that was where the good news ended for General Motors Corp. and other U.S. automakers, who continued to lose

ground to foreign rivals.

GM's sales fell 4 percent for the year, led by a 7 percent decline in car sales and a 2 percent decline in sales of trucks and sport utility vehicles. Although Chevrolet sales slipped slightly from last year to

2.6 million, they outpaced Ford by around 21,000 vehicles.

Ford Motor Co. said Wednesday that its sales dropped 4 percent in 2005. DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group, meanwhile, said its sales rose 5 percent for the year thanks to hot-selling models like the Chrysler 300. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
BMC Sft	23.07	+2.06	+9.8
Cambrex	20.56	+1.78	+9.5
ChileTel	9.55	+7.8	+8.9
BerryP	63.94	+4.91	+8.3
GreenbCos	30.50	+2.24	+7.9

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Gateway	2.64	-.17	-6.0
BlackstrB	3.20	-.19	-5.6
NEuO	26.44	-1.56	-5.6
Pediatrx	85.30	-4.69	-5.2
RexStrs	14.45	-.79	-5.2

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ParticDT n	6.35	+1.18	+22.8
Lanoptic	6.02	+.90	+17.6
Intrmag	35.35	+4.55	+14.8
GigaTr	2.88	+.36	+14.3
WebMD n	34.01	+4.11	+13.7

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
RockySh	20.33	-3.82	-15.8
Reinhold s	12.46	-2.19	-14.9
SteelTch	25.15	-3.68	-12.8
SilcLtd	7.43	-.95	-11.3
TriplCw n	8.82	-1.13	-11.3

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.25	7.25
Fed Funds close	4.25	4.25
3-month	4.09	3.88
2-year	4.31	4.36
10-year	4.34	4.34
30-year	4.54	4.54

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5688	.5730	.5318
Canadian Dollar	1.1474	1.1555	1.2226
European Euro	.8249	.8317	.7534
Japanese Yen	115.95	116.03	104.50
Mexican Peso	10.5580	10.6160	11.3690
Taiwanese Dollar	32.33	32.63	31.84

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+32.74	+19.72	+4.66
+0.30	+0.88	+0.37
10880.15	2263.46	1273.46

Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AustNZ	90.37	+1.02	+2.7
BcoSnCH	13.75	+.18	+4.2
BkofAm	46.58	-.50	+.9
BkNova g	40.94	+.52	+3.3
Citigrp	48.38	-.91	-.3
DeutscheBk	101.36	+1.90	+4.6
JPMorgCh	39.62	-.23	-.2
MitsuUFJ	14.23	+.10	+3.9
RoyalBk g	80.69	+1.51	+3.5
TorDBk g	54.46	+.91	+3.3
UBS AG	100.62	+1.91	+5.7
US Bancrp	30.39	+.11	+1.7
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DROP SHOT: New England quarterback Doug Flutie was named the NFL's special teams player of the week for making a drop kick in the Patriots' loss to the Dolphins on Sunday. It was the first drop kick for points in the NFL since 1941.

Sports



TOM STRATMAN/AP

Ex- Terp Merriman sacked the Colts' Peyton Manning twice late this season.

Merriman Is Named Top Rookie

Former Terp, Tampa's 'Cadillac' honored for first year in the NFL

NFL | Shawne Merriman's relentless style of play made an immediate mark in the NFL, earning him The Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year award.

The San Diego linebacker, known as "Lights Out" for his hard hits and aggressive demeanor, received 28 1/2 votes Wednesday from a nationwide



Williams

panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the league. After being picked 12th in the draft out of Maryland, Merriman finished with a team-high 10 sacks, including two against Peyton Manning when San Diego handed Indianapolis its first loss.

Carnell Williams, appropriately enough, ran away with The Associated Press NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year award. The Tampa Bay running back nicknamed "Cadillac" was the sleek, fast and powerful model the Buccaneers needed to spark their offense. He rushed for 1,178 yards and six touchdowns, and was the catalyst in the Buccaneers' turnaround from also-ran to NFC South champion. (AP)

Washington Imposes Marshall Law

Unexpected hero leads Redskins defense with his knack for big plays

REDSKINS | Renaldo Wynn this week coined a new nickname — "Silent Assassin" — to describe Washington Redskins middle linebacker Lemar Marshall.

That shows how far Marshall has come since preseason, when teammates called him "Normal Guy." And when a more appropriate label might have been "Really Risky Idea."

"Silent Assassin," that's pretty much what he is," defensive end Wynn said. "Because he's coming out of nowhere. He's consistent. You can depend on him. People had a question mark at that position after Antonio Pierce left. He's stepped in and done an excellent job."

Coach Joe Gibbs once said it was a mistake to let Pierce leave as a free agent in the offseason, but the brain of last year's defense has hardly been missed.

Undersized and often overlooked in his formative NFL career, Marshall moved to the middle, became the quarterback of the defense and made arguably two of the biggest plays in the Redskins' first playoff season in six years.

Marshall helped seal the sea-



REED HOFFMANN/AP

MIDDLE MAN: Lemar Marshall showed he was the right man for the middle linebacker job this year by making key plays that led to two of the Redskins' 10 victories.

son-opening victory over Chicago with an interception in the end zone, turning a tepid game into a victory that spurred a 3-0 start. Then, in the season finale against

Philadelphia — with the Redskins' playoff hopes slipping away in a 20-17 deficit in the fourth quarter — Marshall single-handedly changed the momentum when he reached

REDSKINS NOTES

- CB Shawn Springs (groin injury) did not practice on Wednesday and is listed as questionable for Saturday's game.
- Wynn was the only other player on the injury report, as he missed practice with a nagging foot ailment. He is probable for the playoff game.
- Wynn was named the winner of the B.J. Blanchard Good Guy award for being the most cooperative player with the media.

high to tip Mike McMahon's pass and came down with an interception deep in Eagles territory.

Clinton Portis scored the go-ahead touchdown on the next play in the 31-20 victory.

"He's the guy that's the extension of the coaching staff on the field," defensive coordinator Gregg Williams said of the linebacker, who led the NFL's 9th-ranked defense with four interceptions this season.

Marshall and the Redskins open the playoffs Saturday at Tampa Bay. The 36-35 loss to the Buccaneers on Nov. 13 still stings — "We did get robbed," Marshall muttered — and he's ready to add something more to an already special season.

"A lot of it's on my shoulders," Marshall said. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Georgetown Set for Big East Opener

Hoyas count on experience in revamped league

HOYAS HOOPS | Because Georgetown has had so few changes on the team from last year, there will be one major change for Big East opponents this year: No surprises.

"A lot of people last year were surprised by what we did," said senior guard Ashanti Cook. "But, this year, teams are preparing for us a lot better."

The Hoyas re-emerged as a conference powerhouse last year with a 17-12 regular season record — narrowly missing the NCAA tournament and advancing to the third round of the NIT. But as Big

East competition tips off tonight as Providence (6-4) comes to the MCI Center, the Hoyas know they won't be catching their conference rivals off guard again.

"It's not going to be a cakewalk," Cook said. "Every night, it's going to be tough."

The rest of the Big East knows they will once again face last year's very effective version of the Princeton offense. Except, after a year of experience, it will be better.

"One year under coach [John] Thompson's system definitely helps a lot, because we're a lot more famil-



RICH SCHULTZ/AP

Ashanti Cook knows Georgetown won't catch any Big East team by surprise.

iar with each other on the court," Cook said.

Georgetown (8-2) can use that stability to their advantage, especially to help adjust to the newly expanded conference. Now with 16 teams, the Big East will offer a season of brutal competition. To succeed, Cook said, the team needs to ignore the hype and focus on the basics.

"They're bigger programs — Marquette, Louisville, DePaul, Cincinnati — but it's still the Big East conference, and it's still basketball," he said. "So, regardless of the names, we just have to play basketball." CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

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"I saw that and it just made me heart sink. That act reflected very poorly on him and on the institution."

—Va. Gov-elect Tim Kaine on Va. Tech's Marcus Vick's stomp on Elvis Dumervil's leg at the Gator Bowl.

Sports

In Brief

NFL

Bills Fire Team President

Tom Donahoe was fired as Buffalo Bills president and general manager Wednesday in a shakeup that could mark Hall of Fame coach Marv Levy's return to the franchise in a management role. Offensive coordinator Tom Clements was also fired, his agent, Gary O'Hagan, told The Associated Press. Donahoe's dismissal was announced by Bills owner Ralph Wilson a few days after the team finished 5-11 and missed the playoffs for a sixth straight season. (AP)

NFL

3 Vikings Plead Not Guilty

Minnesota Vikings Daunte Culpepper, Bryant McKinnie and Fred Smoot have pleaded not guilty to charges related to the team's bawdy boating party, a court clerk told the AP. Culpepper, McKinnie, Smoot and teammate Moe Williams face three misdemeanor charges each related to the party Oct. 6 on Lake Minnetonka. They were charged with indecent conduct, disorderly conduct and lewd or lascivious conduct. (AP)

BASEBALL

Mets Send Seo to Dodgers

The Los Angeles Dodgers acquired right-hander Jae Seo and left-handed reliever Tim Hamulack from the New York Mets on Wednesday for right-handed relievers Duaner Sanchez and Steve Schmol. (AP)



GOLDEN OLDIE: Joe Paterno, 79, led Penn State to an 11-1 season that ended with a memorable 26-23 win in the Orange Bowl.

Wait Worth It for Paterno

Win in epic Orange Bowl caps turnaround year

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | The longest game in Joe Paterno's 40-year head coaching career had been over for half an hour when he emerged from the victorious Penn State locker room.

Waiting at the door, wife Sue dropped her cane as she rose from a chair, gave him a hug, kissed his cheek and rubbed his back.

"It's late," Paterno said.

Way past his bedtime, as he wryly noted. But the 79-year-old showed in the Orange Bowl that he's still spry enough to win a marathon.

The Nittany Lions needed 4 ½

hours, three OTs and three tries at a game-winning field goal to beat 76-year-old Bobby Bowden's Florida State Seminoles, 26-23. The epic ended at 1 a.m. Wednesday, and Paterno found the result worth the wait.

After consecutive losing seasons left restless fans in Happy Valley grumbling "Joe must go," he quieted critics with an 11-1 record marred only by a last-second loss to Michigan. His first Orange Bowl win since 1974 could vault the Nittany Lions to No. 2 in the final rankings Thursday.

To Paterno, the shame about the game is that many fans missed the

wild finish because they were asleep. He dislikes the way the BCS allows television to dictate starting times, and would prefer an earlier kickoff.

"My daughter said to me, 'When you and Bowden are going to play each other again, they have that early-bird dinner. Why don't you have an early-bird TV game?'" Paterno said. "I thought that was pretty good. I'm going to propose that to ABC — that we play the game at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. I'm sure they'll be very happy with that." STEVEN WINE (AP)

Late game: The Rose Bowl ended after Express' deadline Wednesday. For results | washingtonpost.com/sports



Michelle Kwan wants to compete in the Turin Olympics despite her groin injury.

Kwan Out Of Skating Nationals

Injured star plans to petition U.S. for spot on the Olympic team

OLYMPICS | The Olympic experience has come full circle for Michelle Kwan.

After she withdrew from the U.S. Figure Skating Championships on Wednesday with a groin injury, Kwan said she will petition for a spot at the Turin Olympics. The last time a top women's skater did so, Kwan wound up getting bumped from the 1994 team by Nancy Kerrigan.

"It is sort of ironic that the last person bumped off the team was me, in '94," Kwan said. "But they do have a rule for special circumstances. I want to petition, because I feel I will be 100 percent by the time the Olympics rolls around."

The nine-time national champion and five-time world gold medalist missed nearly all of this season with injuries, but was expected to skate in St. Louis next week. Instead, she will seek one of the three U.S. berths at the Olympics by petitioning U.S. Skating — and will almost certainly be added, if healthy. Kwan, 25, won a silver medal at the 1998 Olympics and a bronze in 2002. BARRY WILNER (AP)

Conine Signs 1-Year Deal With Orioles

ORIOLES | The Baltimore Orioles signed free agent Jeff Conine to a one-year contract, the team announced Wednesday.

Conine, 38, batted .304 in 131 games for the Florida Marlins last season. He had spent five seasons with the Orioles from 1999-2003. He had the National League's 10th best batting average after the All-Star break in 2005, batting .327 in 72 games. He split playing time among left field, right field, first base and designated hitter, and finished the season with a .374

on-base percentage.

Conine made 76 starts last year for the Marlins and finished the season with a .374 on-base percentage.

Under the terms of the contract, Conine will receive \$1.7 million in 2006, with a mutual option of \$2 million for 2007. The option is guaranteed if Conine makes 450 plate appearances in 2006. (AP)



Conine

O'S FUMING OVER BURNITZ

→ The Orioles were certain that Jeromy Burnitz was going to be their new left fielder after reaching a tentative agreement with the free agent last week. But Burnitz ended up signing a one-year contract with the Pirates despite receiving a two-year, \$12 million offer from Baltimore. "My feeling is we had an agreement," O's vice president Jim Duquette said. "It sets a bad precedent when that's allowed to happen." (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPNU) Georgetown opens up its Big East schedule with a home game against Providence.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) Welcome to the new Big East: No. 9 Louisville hosts No. 3 Villanova.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPN2) No. 6 Illinois tries to stay undefeated when hosting No. 7 Michigan State.

COLLEGE HOOPS (10:30 P.M. ON FSN) No. 17 UCLA visits No. 21 Arizona.

NBA (8 P.M. AND 10:30 P.M. ON TNT) The Cleveland Cavaliers host the Houston Rockets followed by the Indiana Pacers visiting the Golden State Warriors.

Television



WORLD OF NEWS: Ted Koppel has joined the Discovery Channel to make news documentaries, the AP reported, bringing his former top producer and eight other ex-"Nightline" staff members. Koppel was named managing editor of Discovery.

Fold These 'Kings'

NBC's derivative new comedy about brothers' post-frat life

DEBUT | NBC comedy takes two steps forward and one giant step backward. After premiering the relatively innovative "My Name Is Earl" (9 p.m.) and "The Office" (9:30 p.m.), NBC introduces "Four Kings" (8:30 p.m.), a thoroughly derivative, unfunny sitcom.

Produced by the creators of "Will & Grace," "Kings" concerns four friends from childhood who move into the palatial New York apartment that Ben (Josh Cooke)



BOYS TO MEN: The "Four Kings" are self-absorbed and unfunny.

inherits from his grandmother. Ben is a sympathetic guy given to long relationships and friendships with women. But the frathouse atmosphere of his new surroundings is about to change all that.

Barry (Seth Green) is short, bitter, picked-on and envious of Ben's charmed existence. Bobby (Shane McRae) is the quintessential slacker dude. Jason (Todd Grinnell) rounds out the quartet as a finicky, weight-obsessed neurotic.

Did I mention that the characters spend an inordinate amount of time together trading quips in a coffee shop?

"Four Kings" is laden with elements borrowed from "Friends," "Men Behaving Badly" and any number of Olsen-twins vehicles. KEVIN

MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

TWINKLE-TOED WASHOUTS
ABC is delusional if they think their revamped comedy schedule is going to challenge the "CSI"-fortified CBS lineup. But a second helping of **DANCING WITH THE STARS** (8 p.m., ABC) just might. This year's batch of dancing fools is a similar crazy quilt of has-beens, never-weres and I-thought-they-were-deads.

WHAT A GREAT IDEA. *YAWN*
THE HOT CHICK (8 p.m., Fox) A spell makes a spoiled teen (Rachel McAdams) and a slob (Rob Schneider) switch bodies.

BAD DAD
MY NAME IS EARL (9 p.m., NBC) Earl's past misdeeds deny Joy's kids amusement-park fun.

BOOZE AND BOSSES DON'T MIX
An ill-timed motivational cruise on



CHIPPY AND DIP: "Dancing" enters another season of trashy stage outfits.

THE OFFICE (9:30 p.m., NBC).

CULT CHOICE
A meteor shower rains down flaming serpents on unsuspecting medieval kingdoms in the 2004 fantasy **DRAGON STORMS** (9 p.m., Sci Fi). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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WRC 4	News		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Will & Grace (N)	Four Kings "Pilot"	My Name Is Earl	The Office (N) 1	(9:59) ER "If Not Now" (N) 1	News	News	Tonight Show
WTTG 5	Seinfeld 1	The Simpsons 1	The Simpsons 1	Seinfeld 1	★ "The Hot Chick" (2002) Rob Schneider, Anna Farris. Premiere. 1				News	Geraldo at Large	Friends 1	
WJLA 7	News	ABC Wild News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Dancing With the Stars (Season Premiere) (S) Live				Primetime	News	(3:35) Nightline	
WUSA 9	News	CBS News	9News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) 1	Without a Trace "Blood Out" (N) 1		News	News	Late Show	
WDCA 20	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Friends 1	Every-Raymond	Hates Chris	Love, Inc. 1	Eve 1	Cuts 1	The Tyra Banks Show (N) 1	Girlfriends 1	Girlfriends 1	
WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Business Conn.	MotorWeek	Bob Vid Tech	John Denver: A Song's Best Friend			Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band: Hammersmith			
WETA 26	BBC World News	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Moneywise	On Africa	Smallville "Aqua" 1	Beauty and the Geek 1			BBC World News	Tavis Smiley 1	Charlie Rose (N) 1	
WHUT 32	Tony Brown	Tavis Smiley 1	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac					Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Sex and the City	Will & Grace 1
WBDC 39	Steve Harvey	The Parkers 1										
A&E	The First 48 "Killing Spree" 1	The First 48							Dallas SWAT (Series Premiere) (N)	Rollergirls "The Rookie" 1		
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter	The Most Extreme Dog breeds 1							Miami Animal Police "Gators Galore"	The Planet's Funniest Animals		
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	BET Style							The Ultimate Hustler	In Living Color 1	In Living Color 1	
Bravo	Party Party "Sweet 16" 1	The West Wing 1							Project Runway Lingerie designs.	Project Runway "Social Scene" 1		
Comedy	(5:00) ★ "House Party IV" (2000)	Com.-Presents	Reno 911! 1	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's Show	South Park 1		Richard Pryor: I Ain't Dead Yet...	Daily Show	Colbert Report	
Court	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Cops 1	Cops 1	Cops 1	Cops 1	Cops 1		Texas SWAT (N)	Texas SWAT (N)	Hollywood Heat	Hollywood Justice
Discovery	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Diary of a Shark Man 1	Sharkbite! Surviving Great White	Shark Attack: Predators	Twins in Peril: Twin to Twin	Twins in Peril: Twin to Twin		Great White Attack: A True Story	American Shark 1		
DISCH	Paramedics "We the People" 1	Trauma: Life in the ER 1	Double Identical Twins 1	Double Identical Twins 1	Double Identical Twins 1	Double Identical Twins 1	Double Identical Twins 1		Babies: Special Delivery 1	Double Identical Twins 1		
Disney	Sister, Sister 1	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	★ ★ "Air Bud" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Michael Jeter, Kevin Zegers.	101 Sexiest Celebrity Bodies	101 Sexiest Celebrity Bodies (N)		Buzz-Maggie	Sister, Sister 1	That's So Raven	That's So Raven
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Family	7th Heaven 1	Smallville "Suspect" 1	★ ★ "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (1971) Gene Wilder.						Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club 1	
History	Battle of Tripoli 1	Modern Marvels: Military Movers	World Trade Center: Rise and Fall of an American Icon 1						Declassified The Taliban's jihad.	Shootout! "Hunt for bin Laden" 1		
Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	"Selling Innocence" (2005, Drama) Mimi Rogers, Sarah Lind. 1						★ ★ "Speak" (2004, Drama) Kristen Stewart, Michael Angarano. 1	Will & Grace 1	Will & Grace 1	
MTV	My Own (N) 1	Room Raiders (N)	Direct Effect 1	True Life 1	True Life 1	True Life 1	True Life 1		True Life "I'm Moving to NY" (N) 1	R. Wld Chal.	R. Wld Chal.	
NICK	Drake & Josh 1	Danny Phantom	Fairly Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Romeo 1	Full House 1	Fresh Prince	Roseanne 1	Roseanne 1	Roseanne 1	The Cosby Show
SCI FI	StarGate SG-1 "The Warrior" 1	★ ★ "Dragonheart" (1996) Dennis Quaid, Voice of Sean Connery. 1	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1		"Dragon Storm" (2004, Fantasy) John Rhys-Davies, Maxwell Caulfield. 1	MXC 1	MXC 1	
SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos 1	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends 1	Friends 1	Friends 1	★ "Down to Earth" (2001, Comedy) Chris Rock, Regina King. 1		★ ★ "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" (2003, Romance-Comedy) Kate Hudson, Matthew McConaughey. 1	★ ★ "Set It Off" (1996) (PA).		
TBS	Seinfeld 1	Seinfeld 1	Extreme Surgery 1	Extreme Surgery 1	Extreme Surgery 1	Extreme Surgery 1	The 750-Pound Man 1		Incredible Medical Mysteries 1	Extreme Surgery 1		
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CSN	Totally Football	SportsNite 1	College Basketball Virginia Commonwealth at Georgia State. (Live) 1						101 Great Knockouts	SportsNite 1	College Basketball UCLA at Arizona. (Live) 1	
CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight 1	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now 1	Larry King Live 1	Hannity & Colmes (Live) 1	On the Record-Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor		Anderson Cooper 360 1			
FNC	Special Report (Live) 1	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Rita Cosby Live & Direct	Scarborough Country	The Situation With Tucker Carlson						
MSNBC	The Abrams Report	Hardball 1										
AMC	(5:30) ★ ★ "Von Ryan's Express" (1965, Drama) Frank Sinatra. 'NR'	★ ★ ★ "A Bridge Too Far" (1977, Drama) Dirk Bogarde. Premiere. An account of a disastrous 1944 Allied military operation. 'PG'	★ ★ ★ "Spirited Away" (2001, Fantasy) Voices of Daveigh Chase. 'PG'	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Princess Mononoke" (1997) Voices of Claire Danes. 'PG 13'.								
TCM	(5:45) ★ ★ "Crime School" (1938) Humphrey Bogart. 'NR'	MGM Parade	★ ★ ★ "Spirited Away" (2001, Fantasy) Voices of Daveigh Chase. 'PG'	(15) ★ ★ ★ "Princess Mononoke" (1997) Voices of Claire Danes. 'PG 13'.								
HBO	Career Opp.	★ ★ "New York Minute" (2004) Ashley Olsen. 'PG' 1	Inside the NFL 1	★ ★ "Starky & Hutch" (2004) Ben Stiller. 'PG-13' 1	The Producers	Cathouse: The Series 1						
MAX	(5:00) "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004)	★ ★ ★ "GoodFellas" (1990, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta, Joe Pesci. 'R' 1	★ ★ "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller. 'PG-13' 1	★ ★ "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller. 'PG-13' 1	★ ★ "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller. 'PG-13' 1	★ ★ "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller. 'PG-13' 1	★ ★ "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller. 'PG-13' 1		★ ★ "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller. 'PG-13' 1	★ ★ "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller. 'PG-13' 1	★ ★ "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller. 'PG-13' 1	★ ★ "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller. 'PG-13' 1
SHOW	Agent Banks 2	(4:5) ★ ★ "Dolores Claiborne" (1995, Horror) Kathy Bates, Jennifer Jason Leigh. i.T.V. 'R'	★ ★ ★ "The Crying Game" (1992, Suspense) Stephen Rea. i.T.V. 'R'	★ ★ "When Will I Be Loved" (2004) Nave Campbell. 'R'	★ ★ "When Will I Be Loved" (2004) Nave Campbell. 'R'	★ ★ "When Will I Be Loved" (2004) Nave Campbell. 'R'	★ ★ "When Will I Be Loved" (2004) Nave Campbell. 'R'		★ ★ "When Will I Be Loved" (2004) Nave Campbell. 'R'	★ ★ "When Will I Be Loved" (2004) Nave Campbell. 'R'	★ ★ "When Will I Be Loved" (2004) Nave Campbell. 'R'	★ ★ "When Will I Be Loved" (2004) Nave Campbell. 'R'
TMC	(5:50) ★ ★ "And Now... Ladies and Gentlemen" (2002) Jeremy Irons. 'PG-13'	★ ★ "Guarding Tess" (1991, Comedy) Shirley MacLaine. 'PG-13'	★ ★ "Guarding Tess" (1991, Comedy) Shirley MacLaine. 'PG-13'	★ ★ "Guarding Tess" (1991, Comedy) Shirley MacLaine. 'PG-13'	★ ★ "Guarding Tess" (1991, Comedy) Shirley MacLaine. 'PG-13'	★ ★ "Guarding Tess" (1991, Comedy) Shirley MacLaine. 'PG-13'	★ ★ "Guarding Tess" (1991, Comedy) Shirley MacLaine. 'PG-13'		★ ★ "Guarding Tess" (1991, Comedy) Shirley MacLaine. 'PG-13'	★ ★ "Guarding Tess" (1991, Comedy) Shirley MacLaine. 'PG-13'	★ ★ "Guarding Tess" (1991, Comedy) Shirley MacLaine. 'PG-13'	★ ★ "Guarding Tess" (1991, Comedy) Shirley MacLaine. 'PG-13'
STARZ!	(4:35) ★ ★ ★ "Executive Decision" (1996) Pierce Brosnan. 'PG-13'	★ ★ "After the Sunset" (2004) Pierce Brosnan. 'PG-13'	(4:00) On the Set	★ ★ "Dawn of the Dead" (2004) Sarah Polley. 'R' 1	★ ★ "Dawn of the Dead" (2004) Sarah Polley. 'R' 1	★ ★ "Dawn of the Dead" (2004) Sarah Polley. 'R' 1	★ ★ "Dawn of the Dead" (2004) Sarah Polley. 'R' 1		★ ★ "Dawn of the Dead" (2004) Sarah Polley. 'R' 1	★ ★ "Dawn of the Dead" (2004) Sarah Polley. 'R' 1	★ ★ "Dawn of the Dead" (2004) Sarah Polley. 'R' 1	★ ★ "Dawn of the Dead" (2004) Sarah Polley. 'R' 1
ENCORE	(4:15) The Alamo	(3:5) ★ ★ "Home on the Range" (2004) 'PG' 1	★ ★ "Cocktail" (1988, Drama) Tom Cruise. Premiere. 'R' 1	(9:50) ★ ★ "Navy SEALs" (1990) Charlie Sheen. 'R' 1	(4:5) Road House							

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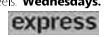
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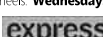
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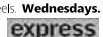
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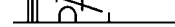
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Destinations

N.J.'s casino resort isn't just for the older slot addicts anymore

LL Cool J was playing the House of Blues. A few blocks away, rapper Jay-Z's new nightclub was rocking. Fredericka Jones, out on the town for a Friday night with her girlfriends, was determined to hit both, then try her luck at a casino.

She used to make the one-hour trip from her Philadelphia home once every couple of years. Now, she goes several times a year. And she has noticed some changes.

"The crowd is getting younger," she said. "You don't see the older crowd as much, the grandparents. Now you see the younger people."

Rejuvenated by a saucy new casino, trendy clubs and beach bars and a vibrant music scene, Atlantic City is evolving into a nightlife hotspot for people in their 20s, 30s and 40s who once saw it as one big neon-lit

retirement home for senior citizens who arrive by the busload to play the slot machines.

Atlantic City began making the shift with the opening of the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa in mid-2003. It stressed sexy fun, showcased its racy "Borgata Babes" cocktail waitresses, offered high-end restaurants and booked contemporary stars into its showrooms, instead of the aging crooners and nostalgia acts for which Atlantic City was known.

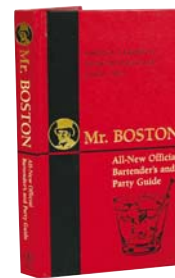
The moves paid off, turning the Borgata into Atlantic City's most

profitable casino.

The Borgata also bet that blackjack, roulette and craps — which many Atlantic City casinos were ditching in favor of more profitable slot machines — could bring

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NEWER JERSEY: Fredericka Jones and her friends aren't hanging with retirees.

Young A.C.

in more business.

Its rivals in Atlantic City's \$4.8 billion-a-year casino business have followed suit, replacing slots with table games aimed at cashing in on both a poker boom and on younger

gamblers' tendencies to favor games with human interaction.

"Tables are hot, there's no doubt about it," said casino industry consultant Joe Weinert. "A lot of that is fueled by poker's popularity and its

popularity on TV, which is showing Americans that table games in general are fun.

"People are going to casinos and discovering the community atmosphere on the gaming tables. They're finding out that, hey, it's fun to be around real people."

In the 2½ years since Borgata's opening, the Tropicana Casino and Resort has seen a 20 percent increase in table game play among under-50 gamblers.

Resorts Atlantic City — which in the past year has booked rapper Snoop Dogg, opened a Nikki Beach bar and switched its house music from Motown to contemporary — has experienced a similar shift. Now, 60 percent of the gamblers in its player database are under 50, compared with 39 percent 18 months ago.

Showboat Casino-Hotel, meanwhile, brought in the House of Blues, a restaurant-nightclub chain that built a \$65 million addition with a theater, a restaurant, 50 hotel suites and its own mini-casino. Among the acts booked to appear there this month: mewithoutyou, Puny Human and Avenged Sevenfold.

"I look at the list of headliners and I don't even recognize most of these names," said Jeffrey Vasser of the Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority. JOHN CURRAN (AP)



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Down Under the Sea

Stuff to See

Tired of being cold? Visit an Australian spring in Baltimore

Winter has descended in full force upon Baltimore, except at the National Aquarium's new Australian exhibit, where it's spring in the Outback.

That means temperatures in the 80s, the sound of the coming monsoon season rumbling in the background, humidity, and parrots and lizards on the prowl all around.

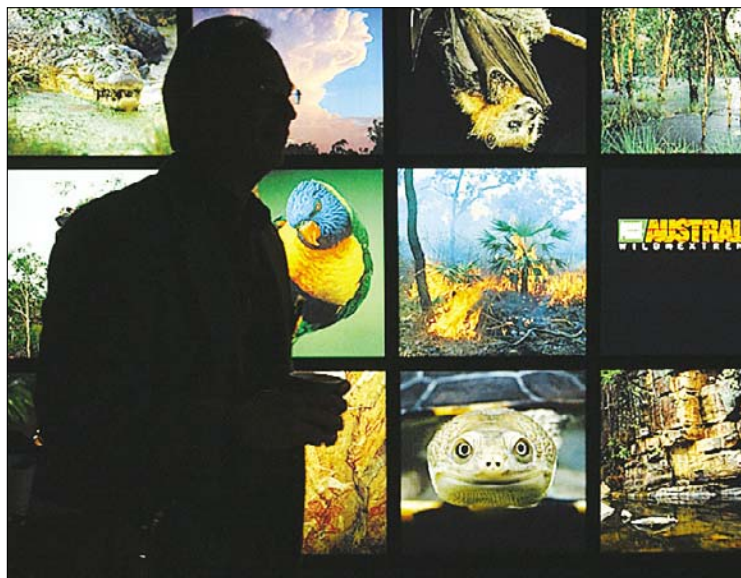
While king parrots, Galah cocka-

“We want people to forget they are in Baltimore, even for a moment.”

ALLAN SUTHERLAND
DIRECTOR OF EXHIBITS

toos, budgies and finches flit freely above visitors, and the odd lizard clings to a rocky outcropping, the crocodiles, snakes and fish are all safely behind glass.

The Australian exhibit is an immersion exhibit in which visitors walk among the animals in a setting resembling the wild.



A visitor from Alexandria gets a sample of all that's in store in the Outback exhibit.

“We want people to forget they are in Baltimore ... and help them forge that personal connection with the natural world,” said Allan Sutherland, director of exhibits.

Australian river gorges range from dry and fire-scorched to monsoon-soaked and completely filled with rushing water. The exhibit depicts a river gorge at the beginning of the monsoon season, known as “the build,” in Australia, said Jack Cover, general curator.

“The winter is dry, but October and November is their spring, that's ‘the build,’ when it gets incredibly humid,” Cover said.

Mist sprinkles down as visitors wind through concrete resembling rocks that have been scoured by millions of years of rushing water. Tanks on both sides are filled with olive pythons, freshwater crocodiles and the shingleback skink, a foot-long lizard with pine-cone scales and a stumpy tail in which it stores fat. ALEX DOMINGUEZ (AP)

New Job Challenge #3

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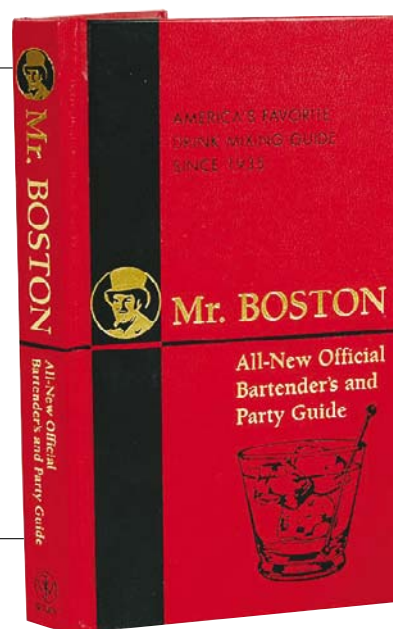


← As a child, you wondered where cosmos came from. So watch to see what happens when vodka, cranberry juice and triple sec decide they love each other very much in Z Gallerie's **COLUMN SHAKER**. Available in space age pastels, one will certainly match your decor. Be careful after tossing back a few of those cosmos — dropping a glass shaker is a huge party foul. (\$20, zgallerie.com or Tysons Corner mall)



↑ With Restoration Hardware's **DOROTHY PARKER BAR COLLECTION**, the pressure to make witty chitchat is off the hostess. The plates and napkins can handle the witticisms with Parker's immortal, boozy verse, "I like to have a martini/Two at the very most/After three I'm under the table/after four I'm under my host." (\$11 for 100 napkins, \$17 for four plates)

← You may feel badly about muddling through life, but muddling through cocktails is ok. Crate and Barrel's **STAINLESS STEEL COCKTAIL MUDDLER** mixes drinks thoroughly, so G and Ts actually taste like gin and tonic, not gin-and-then-tonic. (\$15)



↑ A top bar manual since the 1930s, the pocket-sized "**MR. BOSTON'S ALL-NEW OFFICIAL BARTENDER'S AND PARTY GUIDE**" provides recipes, toasts and lists of what you need to set up a bar of which Dean Martin would be proud. Assuming he could remember being there. (\$13, bookstores)

Cleaning



Prevent Housekeeping

"**CLEANING PLAIN AND SIMPLE**," the new book by pro organizer Donna Smallin, does not judge. If you prefer to live out of your laundry hamper rather than putting your crap away, fine — but she suggests you add a second hamper, one for dirty clothes and one for clean. Clean freaks won't get much more than validation; the book is aimed more at the casual cleaner who'd prefer to prevent housework rather than actually do it. Impressive feat: She explains the Fermat's Last Theorem of housekeeping — folding a fitted sheet — in five steps. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

Beauty

Go Ahead, Cry

The latest in make-up enhancers — invisible products that allegedly make cosmetics look better — is **DUWOP'S REVERSE EYELINER** (\$24, see duwop.com for stores), a waxy stick that purports to smooth fine lines and keep eyeliner from running or smudging. Despite the cosmetic voodoo invoked (it contains Kombuchka, "created by the fermentation of black tea and a wild mushroom"), any line-smoothing action is minimal at best. We found it best when used over shadow applied with a liner brush; it produced a smooth, understated crayon line. And it kept that line in place after a terribly sad dog story made this reporter cry and cry. H.J.M.



Mining

Workplace Safety

LEWIS WADE, of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, was online Wednesday to discuss mine safety | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

What are the key differences between the West Virginia collapse and the one that happened a few years ago in Pennsylvania?
The Pennsylvania situation was the result of an inundation of water from an adjacent mine. In the West Virginia situation, reports would seem to indicate that there was an explosion. The investigations that will take place in the near future will provide more detail.

Why are humans still mining coal? It's the 21st century. Surely, there must be technology — robots, perhaps — that could be used to replace humans in the most dangerous jobs?
Modern mining is much more mechanized that it was in the past ... [and] is a difficult task in constantly changing conditions. At this time people are still required to mine. We mine coal to provide for this country's energy needs. Without these coal miners, this country would be even more dependent on non-domestic energy sources.

Why can't mines have caches of oxygen supplies that can be used in such emergencies?
Underground coal miners normally

carry or have immediate access to Self-Contained Self-Rescuers that will provide an immediate source of oxygen. These units will normally provide "hours" of oxygen. Please realize that this number will vary by individual and situation.

With hindsight, is the training to barricade yourself in a relatively small mine like this one really the best option if you have only about two hours of oxygen with you?
The training miners receive today will teach the miner to get out of the mine if at all possible. Barricading (making use of roof supports and ventilation curtains) would be a last resort. We don't know what situations these miners faced that led them to make the decision that they did.

How much does the average coal miner earn annually?
It is hard to generalize but coal miners can make a decent living, \$50,000-80,000 and up.

→ Today on Live Online

NOON: The Post's Lee Hockstader discusses Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's stroke and its effect on Israel's leadership.

and Maryland. There is also a large population of WVU alumni currently living in the D.C. area. This was an amazing BCS game where records were broken and an underdog freshman team from an "inferior conference" beat the SEC Champion, and your paper denied them coverage.

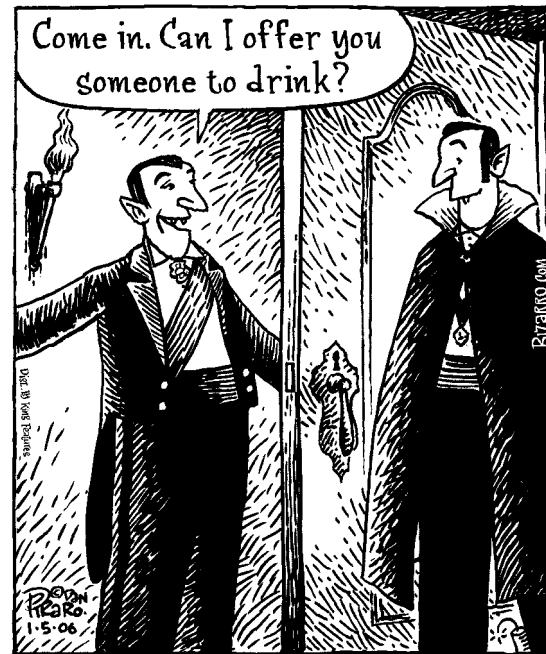
ADAN PEREZ
via e-mail

Correction:

Yesterday we erroneously reported that the Beach Boys Jan. 13 performance for the inaugural of Va. Gov.-elect Tim Kaine is free; it is not. Tickets are available to the general public and can be purchased by calling toll-free 1-866-492-6326, and indicating to the sales clerk that you are calling to obtain Inaugural Concert tickets.

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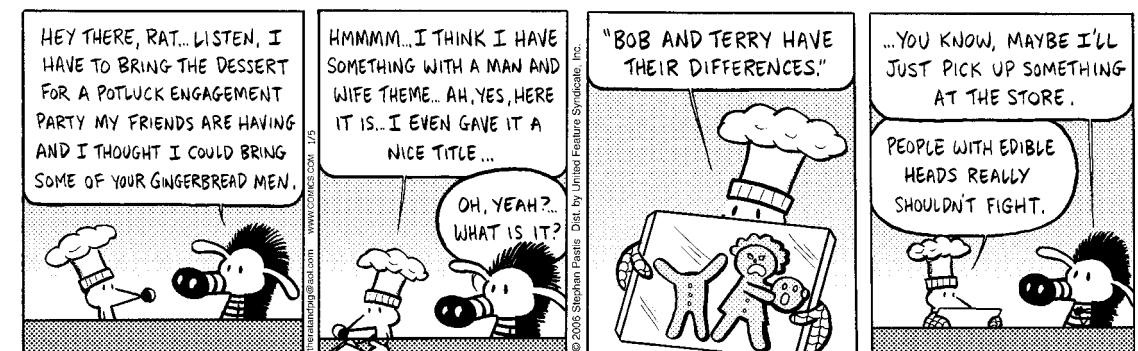
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THE Blog LOG

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A LOHAN HYPOTHESIS

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RUDE AWAKENINGS

[T]his morning ... I was in shock, complete and utter shock, and I cried harder than I ever thought I would about these men I don't even know."

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Long-range issues cannot be ignored, though matters right here at home may prove more pressing than expected. Be prepared to deal with both.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Personal power is on the rise, but be sure it doesn't get out of hand and lead you to make one or two rash, regrettable decisions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Security matters prevail; you don't want to make any lasting mistakes. See if you can't do things according to the rules for now.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone close to you may be surprising you with apparently contradictory behavior. You can get to the heart of the matter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Something important may be taken away from you temporarily; learn to carry on — without demonstrating any real weakness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can bridge

great distances through imagination and persistence. Don't let difficulty hold you back; you have what it takes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Settle down into a more relaxed frame of mind and you'll get a better look at what lies ahead of you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone close to you has a reason for behaving in an unusual fashion, and who are you to object? Be understanding; lend your support.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone who has something different to offer is likely to be of particular importance to you throughout this unpredictable day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may be one to remember for some time — particularly if you are able to do half the things you've talked about doing right now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may have to retrace your steps to get all the answers you need. A long-term mystery may be solved as well, in the process.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You'll warm up to someone's unusual ideas, and if you give yourself the chance you may actually find yourself having some fun.

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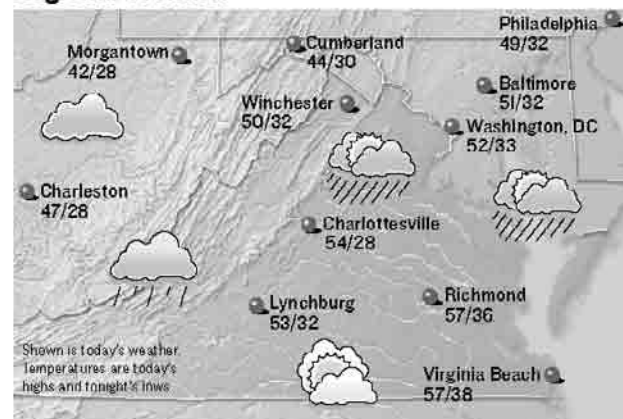


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Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
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52°	33°	44° / 29°	39° / 29°	46° / 33°	53° / 38°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	42°
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Normal month to date	0.40"
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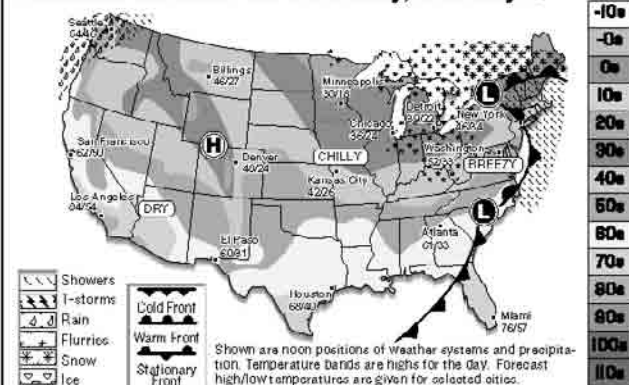
D.C. Metro: Today, a morning shower, then partly sunny. High 52. Wind west 7-14 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 33. Wind northwest 7-14 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:27 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:00 p.m.
Moonrise today	11:13 a.m.
Moonset today	11:45 p.m.



National Weather for Thursday, January 5



National Cities

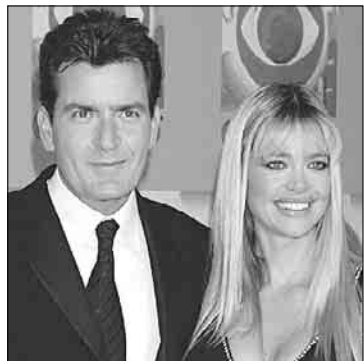
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Boston	40/32/sn	38/27/pc
Chicago	36/24/sf	32/24/pc
Dallas	64/36/s	62/36/s
Denver	48/24/s	64/29/s
Honolulu	78/66/pc	80/67/pc
Los Angeles	84/54/s	80/50/s
Miami	76/57/pc	70/42/sh
New York City	46/34/r	38/28/pc
Orlando	74/48/pc	56/36/pc
Seattle	54/46/r	52/40/r

World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Amsterdam	39/34/sf	39/34/sf
Athens	61/52/r	60/44/c
Berlin	34/30/sf	36/28/sf
Buenos Aires	90/68/pc	92/73/pc
Calgary	48/33/pc	39/27/pc
Dublin	45/37/sh	43/36/c
Geneva	38/28/c	38/28/c
Moscow	14/2/pc	15/8/sf
Rome	52/38/pc	55/39/c
Sydney	68/64/sh	77/63/sh
Tokyo	41/32/pc	39/32/pc

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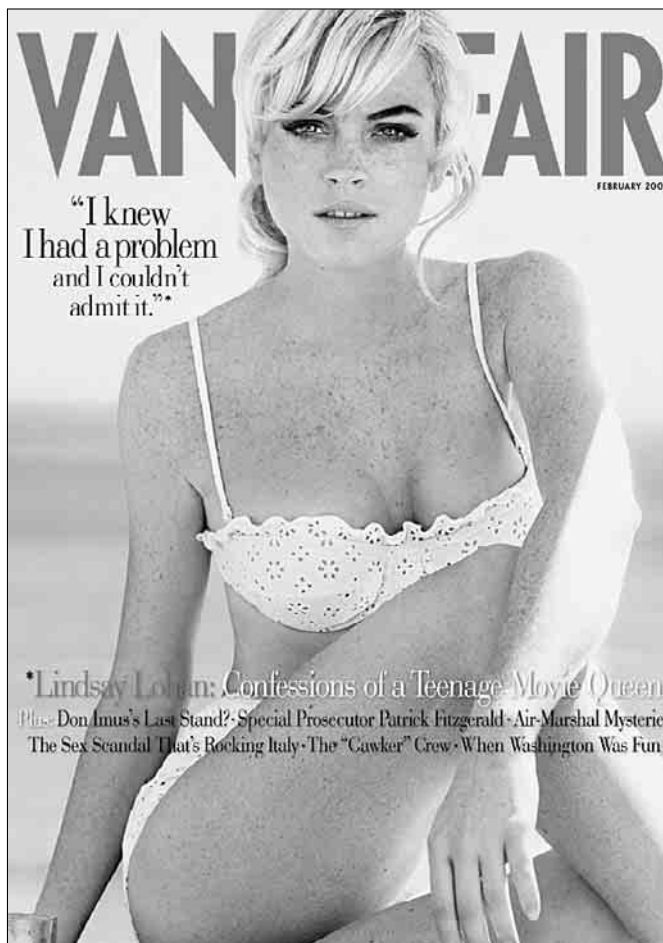
Their union: As doomed as her dye job.

THE END After Their Reality Pilot 'Newly Reunited' Failed ...

Lawyers for **CHARLIE SHEEN** and **DENISE RICHARDS** filed legal papers Wednesday asking a private judge to handle the couple's divorce, said Stan Rosenfield, Sheen's publicist. Richards filed for divorce last March after three years of marriage. Months later, the couple seemed to have reconciled. (AP)

WOUNDED Drake Bell in Car Accident

DRAKE BELL, the 19-year-old star of the Nickelodeon TV series "Drake & Josh," was recovering from injuries suffered in a car crash, the channel said Tuesday. Bell's vintage Mustang was struck head-on Thursday as he waited to turn off the Pacific Coast Highway in Los Angeles. The crash fractured his jaw and left him with severe cuts, and he expects to undergo plastic surgery. Production of the series is on hold while he recovers. (AP)



FRECKLES!

Freckle Mania!

LINDSAY LOHAN, who was hospitalized in Miami this week for an asthma attack, tells *Vanity Fair* that she has dabbled in drugs and battled bulimia. She openly discusses last year's weight loss. She said that before hosting "Saturday Night Live," Tina Fey and "SNL" executive producer Lorne Michaels sat her down. "They said, 'You need to take care of yourself. We care about you too much, and we've seen too many people do this, and you're talented,' and I just started bawling," Lohan said. "I knew I had a problem and I couldn't admit it." (AP)

SADNESS The Bitter, Bitter Irony Of Rocking So, So Hard

PETETOWNSHEND has warned iPod users they may face hearing problems if they don't turn down the volume. Townshend, guitarist in The Who, said his hearing has been irreversibly damaged by years of using studio headphones and he must now take 36-hour breaks between recording sessions. "Hearing loss is a terrible



thing because it cannot be repaired," he said on his Web site. "My intuition tells me there is terrible trouble ahead." The Who were famous for their ear-splitting live performances, but Townshend, 60, said his problem was caused by using earphones in the recording studio. "I have unwittingly helped to invent and refine a type of music that makes its principle components deaf," he said. (AP)



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A British advertising watchdog criticized American rapper **50 CENT** Wednesday for a billboard that shows him with a gun tucked in his jeans and a baby over his shoulder.

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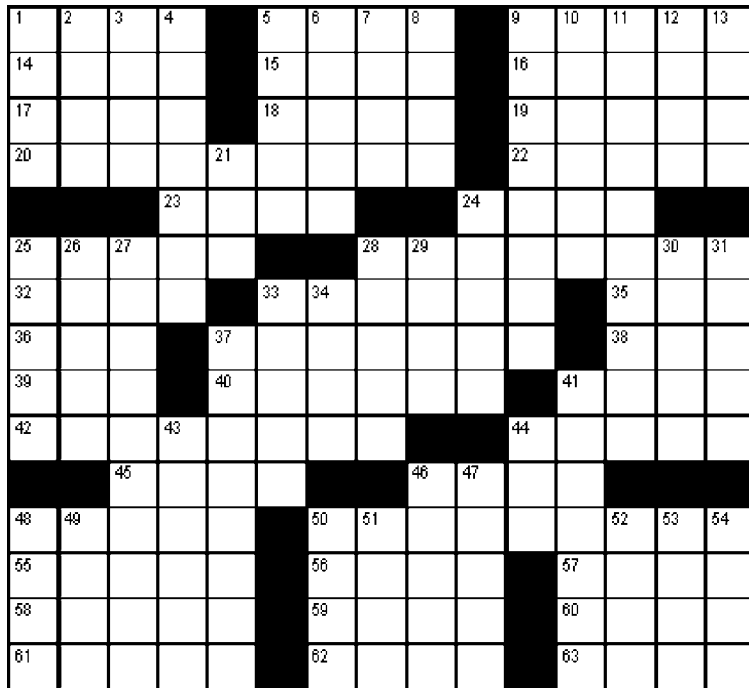
Bug Alert | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Type of foundation
5 Easily bullied
9 Bit of snowfall
14 Errand runner, e.g.
15 Follow an order
16 Sheets, tablecloths, etc.
17 Stir up sediment
18 Heartfelt
19 Preamble
20 Italian meal starter, perhaps
22 Bartlett's and Boscs, e.g.
23 Last word of an ultimatum
24 Fight, but not seriously
25 Bad guy in films
28 Item in a dentist's office
32 Sister of Emily and Charlotte
33 Card dispenser
35 Prefix for age or angle
36 "Horsefeathers!"
37 Summer outings
38 "When Will ____ Loved?"
39 Whitney, for one
40 Current terminals
41 Former stitch location, perhaps
42 Dance craze of the '90s
44 Thinks ahead
45 Caesar's bad day
- 46 Gucci of fashion
48 Tree with fluttering leaves
50 Period before the Middle Ages
55 Barb-filled ceremony
56 Stovetop items
57 Emotion displayed with hand-rubbing
58 ____-frutti
59 Diabolical
60 Faith in country?
61 Some swords
62 It's sometimes a drag
63 Hawk

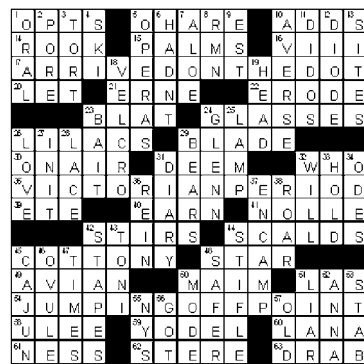
DOWN

- 1 Lee of desserts
2 Tawny native of Africa
3 Entrance for extraction
4 Have faith
5 They're sometimes kept behind bars
6 Like most sumo wrestlers
7 Pedal pushers
8 Proofreader's find
9 Snorkeler's wear
10 One-dimensional
11 Uninhabited land
12 Deborah or Walter
13 Genesis man
21 Work busily
24 Glasses



- 25 Concubine center
26 Part of a famous plane name
27 Look forward to
28 Bamboo consumer
29 "I cannot tell ____"
30 Citified
31 Popular strolling sites
33 Has an elegant meal
34 The "dismal science," for short
37 Word after "in loco," in a phrase
41 Stagnant swamps
43 Carol title word
44 ASAP
46 Where the last flight ends?
47 Cotton thread
48 Johnson of "Laugh-In"
49 Liquid nourishment
50 Copycat
51 Spectacular star
52 Tennis champ Nastase
53 Break the news
54 Scream

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1589 Catherine de Medici of France died at age 69.

1781 A British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Va.

1896 The Austrian newspaper Wiener Presse reported the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen of a type of radiation that came to be known as X-rays.

1925 Nellie T. Ross succeeded her late husband as governor of Wyoming, becoming the first female governor in U.S. history.

1981 British police charged truck driver Peter Sutcliffe with murder; he was later convicted of killing 13 women as the "Yorkshire Ripper."

1994 Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, former House speaker, died.

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Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's Solution

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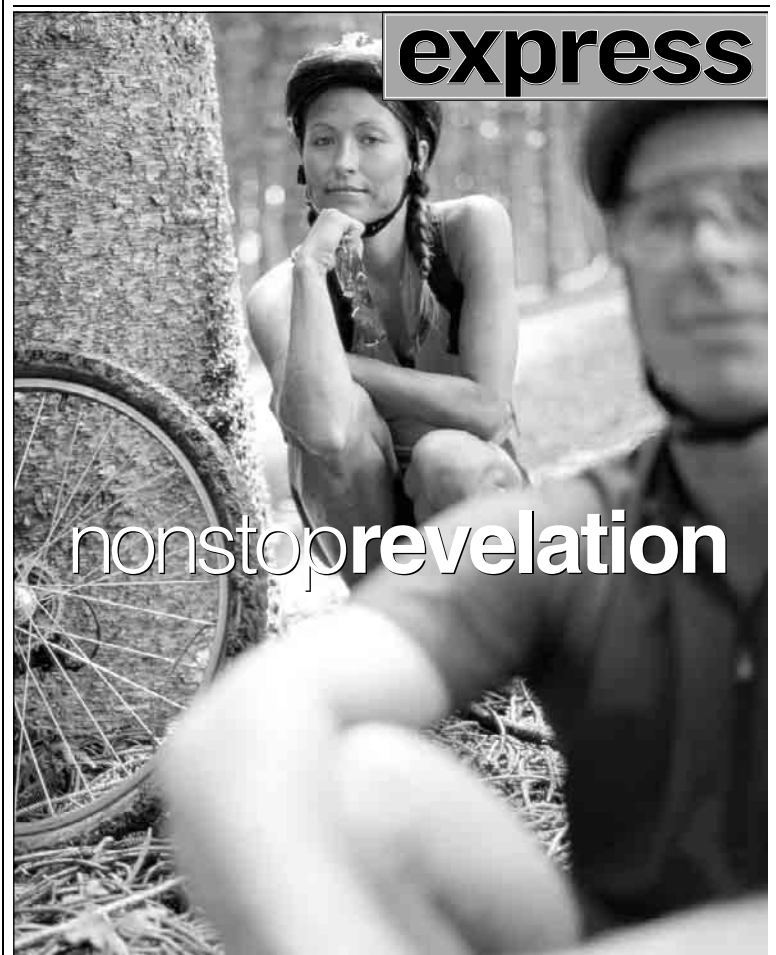
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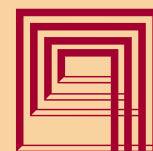
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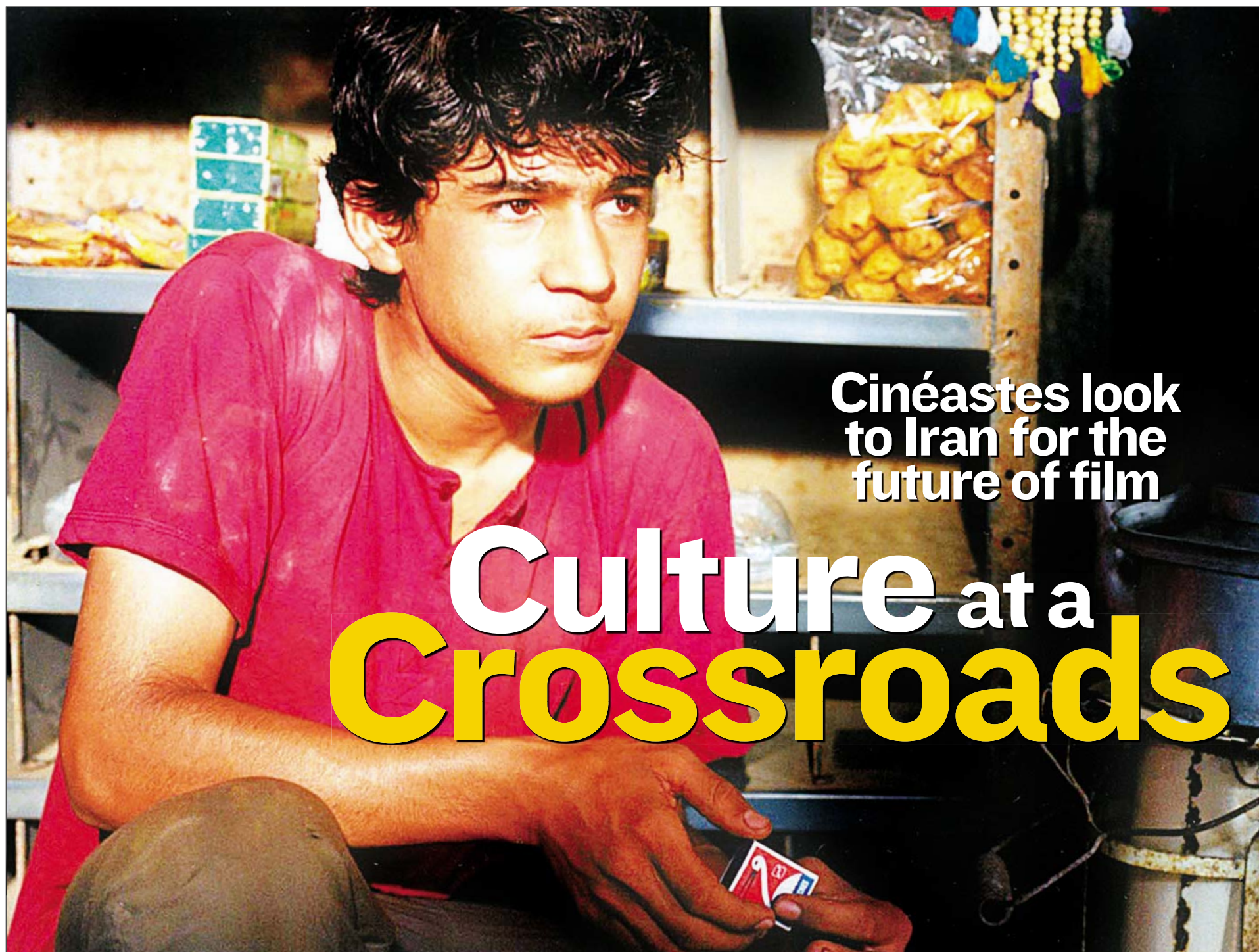


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NAME: Vincent E. Thomas
GIG: Choreographer and dancer,
 founder of New York's VT Dance

FOR THE 'GRANDMOTHER PROJECT,' Thomas brought together memories, keepsakes and pastimes culled from numerous interviews to evoke the essence of maternal strength. Working with other dance troupes, actor-dancer Andy Torres and poet William B. Hawk, Thomas explores the realms of family, nostalgia and the passage of time in a moving work that brings together dance, video projection and spoken word.

How did you begin the project?

It started several years ago when a resurgence of thoughts, questions, memories about my grandmother Mariah — we called her Big Ma — surfaced. So that's where it started. But at VT Dance, I don't like to do work that is solely, specifically about

me; I like to see the universality of art and the art form and dance.

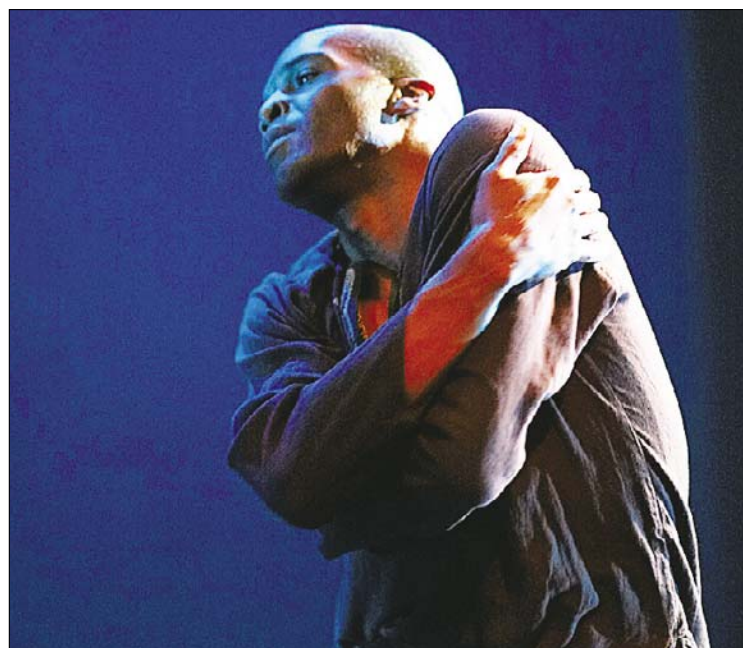
How did you branch it out?

I started interviewing and talking to people from all over the country of different cultures about grandmothers, and one of the things I found out — and I knew it was true — is that the grandmother is such a matriarch not only in my family but in families across the world.

How do you express these memories and feelings in dance?

The early solo is a text and movement solo, and from there, physical movement ... develops and deepens and opens the artistic playing field for the audience.

My last solo is called "Memory Box." It's to the music of Jimmy Scott — "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" ... it's a powerful song. And out of the last box I take out a very cherished item, my



RAY GRIEWEK

GRANDMOTHERLY LOVE: Thomas explores family and memory in his new work.

grandmother's quilt.

Do you get emotional?

Every single time. It's a very reverent uplifting place that I get to. It is a deeply emotional piece for me to perform.

Is it important that the idea of grandmotherliness is a warm and loving one?

No, there are memories that are not warm and fuzzy.

The work must have had repercussions beyond the conversations.

I was looking at my growth as a person and who I am. But the conversations have also given my aunts and uncles and mom a chance to converse with each other and with the grandkids and even the great-

"The grandmother is a matriarch, not just in my family but in families across the world."

kids. So it's been quite a journey and quite exciting.

What's next?

I'm starting a Grandmother Project in South Africa where they're talking about their Gogo — grandmother in Zulu. They talk about the important role she plays in their lives and in their family structure, which is very similar to American culture or my family and culture.

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Hello, My Name Is ...

We may be out of band names, but D.C. still has musical ideas

MUSIC | Together we must face facts: All the good band names have been taken. But Saturday's show featuring Supersystem, Ris Paul Ric and French Toast is still a veritable who's-who of Washington's most inventive rock minds.

D.C. bands may be hard up for names, but the musical ideas keep coming. Supersystem (formerly El Guapo) concocts a strange brew of robotic tones, cracked riffs and worldbeat polyrhythms. The music is designed to inspire dancing in the club and thinking in the car on the way home.

The moniker Ris Paul Ric is not as bad as most celebrity baby names.



LOOKIN' GOOD: It's hard to see why Supersystem changed its name from El Guapo.

It's condensed from Christopher Paul Richards, the proper name of the project's primary member. (It beats Kal-El Coppola.) Since he

split from D.C. stalwarts Q and Not U, Richards has explored his love for '70s Brazilian tropicalia and '80s electro-funk — bossa beats, murky

soundscapes, handclaps and a sweet falsetto reveal ideas that Q and Not U only hinted at.

We can all be glad that Jerry Busher and James Canty didn't name their new brainchild Moxie Crimefighter. Penn Jillette inflicted it on his daughter, so Busher and Canty went with French Toast. The name belies the duo's sophistication, with their angular guitars, electronic blips and haunting piano floats. Busher and Canty seem to rewrite their post-punk pasts (with Fugazi, Nation of Ulysses, etc.) through dub, minimalism and New Wave.

And here's another idea: bands name celebrity babies, and celebrities name the bands. **BOB MASSEY**

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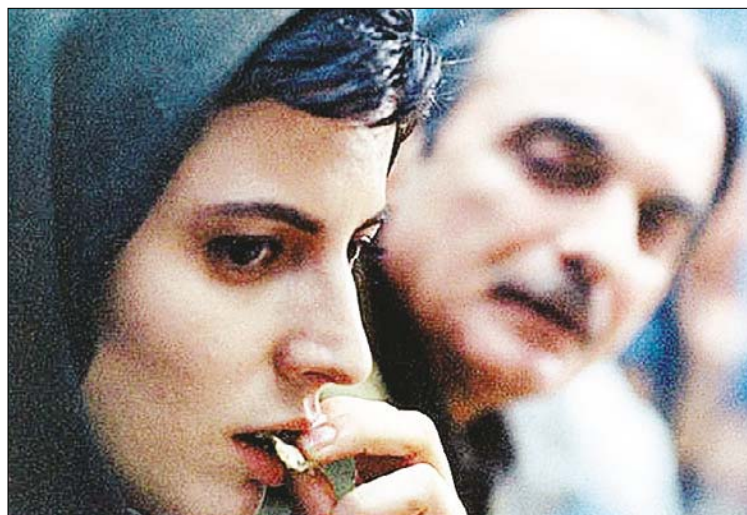
The New Hollywood?

The Freer showcases the powerhouse of Iranian filmmaking

FILM | Foreign-policy wonks wonder whether Iran is damned to be the new Iraq. But cinephiles are curious to know which developing nation could become the new Iran.

As the Freer and Sackler galleries stage their 10th annual Iranian Film Festival, continuing through February, audiences will have the opportunity to ask how one of the most visible of world cinemas has evolved.

Freer/Sackler film programmer Tom Vick thinks the question could be one of Western perspective. "Around 10 years ago is when Iranian cinema came onto the map internationally, with Abbas Kiarostami and Mohsen Makhmalbaf. In the past 10 years there have been, on the one hand, a lot of people working in a similar style to what they do. But there are also filmmakers like Tahmineh Milani who do very different types of films," he said. "We associate



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MYSTERY WOMAN: Ali Mosaffa's psychological drama "Portrait of a Lady Far Away."

Iranian cinema with Kiarostami and that style of, you know, the child, the fable-like humanist thing. I think what's happened is rather than Iranian cinema changing all that much, it's more that we're starting to see more and more of a variety of films coming out of Iran."

The festival starts this weekend with the latest from Milani, a boldly political director whose earlier work earned her a brief stint in

jail. "The Unwanted Woman" is the story of Sima, a teacher and mother who suspects that her husband harbors less than noble intentions toward a young widow they are driving home to the country. Part road movie, part problem picture, part domestic melodrama, the film examines how affairs of the heart unravel among characters caught up in a web of honor, religion and tradition. The end may play

out a bit like a drawing-room climax staged out-of-doors, but there is never less than an entire culture's sexual politics on the line.

Where controversial issues were once addressed obliquely, now filmmakers like Milani and Mohammad Rasoulof — whose "Iron Island" (screening Jan. 20 and 22) depicts the plight of homeless people living on a slowly sinking oil tanker — are free to employ more overt symbolism. Iran remains largely known, however, for sly allegories beautifully photographed on shoestring budgets, serving as a model for burgeoning industries in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"It's tricky," explained Vick. "What's interesting about Iran and directors there is that, on the one hand, they do have to live with very strict censorship, and it is a theocracy. On the other hand, the authorities realize that the more successful their filmmakers are overseas, the more they can say, 'Look how tolerant we are.'" GLENN DIXON

In "The Deserted Station," a stranded woman finds herself teaching a class of precocious children.



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Elvis Resurrected: Long Live the King

Elvis would have been 71 in regular-guy years on Jan. 8 had he not expired — we prefer the term "retired" — in 1977. But he'll always be hip-swingin' Young Elvis to fans. So Chick Hall's Surf Club is pulling out the stops for "Elvis Resurrected," a dance party celebrating the King and his music, which will be played by the singular sensations the Hula Monsters. Chick Hall's is a genuine honky-tonk; Elvis would have been proud.

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Heading North

'Color Me Dark' tells the story of the 1919 Great Migration

STAGE | Children often make the best messengers to one another when it comes to subjects like history.

This is particularly true in the case of Nellie Lee Love, the precocious 11-year-old heroine at the center of "Color Me Dark: A Story of the Great Migration North." The play chronicles the lives of a family making their way to Chicago during the 1919 Great Migration, in which many African-Americans migrated north to escape prejudice.

Based on Patricia C. McKissack's novel, "Color Me Dark: The Diary of Nellie Lee Love," this adaptation by Jerome Hairston is part of the Kennedy Center's Imagination Celebration on Tour, which stops at Montgomery College this weekend.

The story begins in Tennessee,



CAROL PRATT

WHERE'S HOME? Tymblerlee Chanel plays Nellie Lee Love, a preteen in Chicago.

where the Love family experiences race-related violence that drives Nellie's immediate family to move to Chicago in the hopes of finding better opportunities. They still face obstacles, both within and outside their race.

The drama's title references Nellie, a light-skinned African-American who embraces her heritage whenever people ask if she is

white. The play's themes center around staying true to one's roots, as well as the importance of family sticking together in difficult times.

ERIN TROMPETER

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FEEL THE NOISE: Tone's vocal-free soundscapes are layered, textural and complex.

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Bowen McCauley teams with up the sound ensemble Tone

SONG & DANCE | Norm Veenstra and Geordie Grindle have strong ties to D.C. rock: Veenstra has worked at the 9:30 Club for more than 15 years and Grindle played guitar in the first Dischord band, the Teen Idles. But their long-running sound-manipulators Tone has always focused on transcending rock. The vocals-free ensemble employs five guitars, bass and two drummers to create music that's epic, beautiful and, well, it totally rocks. Tone's quest for the unconventional yielded this weekend's gigs helping Bowen McCauley Dance celebrate its 10th anniversary at the Kennedy Center.

How did the collaboration with Bowen McCauley come about?

VEENSTRA: Bowen McCauley heard of our open solicitation to film-people, dance-people — anyone who would take us out of a traditional rock environment. They came to see us, then six months later we heard from them.

Is Glenn Branca an influence?

GRINDLE: I would say there's definitely a lot of Branca in what we do. His approach to music influences us — the fact that he's not restricted to thinking about guitars in a traditional rock sense, the fact that he's able to think about them in a more grandiose way and not be limited.

Do you want Tone to have a bigger profile?

VEENSTRA: We would love to do other collaborations with ballet, or especially any kind of film situation and certainly any bands that are out there now doing similar things.

Will you ever have vocals?

VEENSTRA: As long as it's up to me, no. If somebody's got a lyric the song is about something, whereas if you write a piece of music, the writer has an idea, but they're not throwing it in your face. The listener can take it someplace. **TIM FOLLOS (EXPRESS)**

→ *Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Fri., 7:30 p.m., Sat., 2 p.m., \$40; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)*

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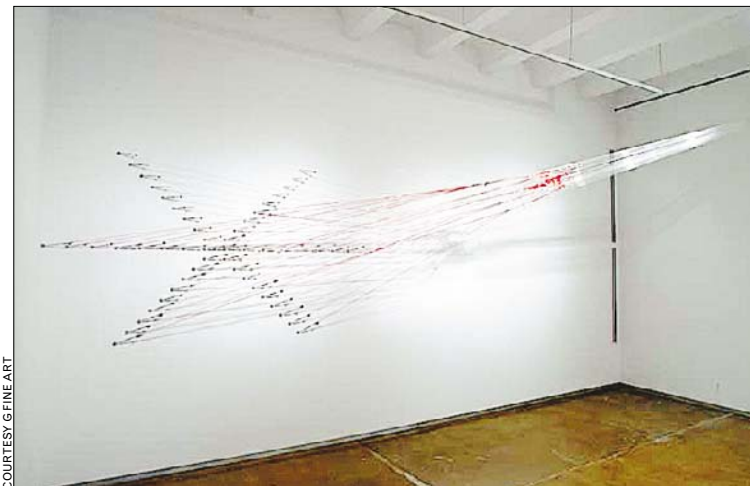
EV Day and Luis Silva make mysteriously naughty sculpture

GALLERIES | G Fine Art is a garden of unearthly delights.

In the main room, Luis Silva's wacky fabric "Lovely Monsters" meld the simply darling with the demented. Imagine the abject stuffed animals of Mike Kelley's early-'90s phase mashed up with the sunshiny cartoon smut of Takashi Murakami in the teleportation chambers of "The Fly."

The most benign offspring of these dastardly experiments are grids of plush purple mushrooms and outcroppings of "Orange Fungus," which grin at the seams and sprout from columns as through from tree trunks.

But the stars of the show are such huggable misfits as "Simple Simon," whose head is pimped with plastic eyes and festooned with daisy-topped electric-green tribbles and who appears to have a formidable attack of gout in his grossly swollen right foot. "Handsome Peter" is a thickly embroidered, google-eyed, daisy-tipped powder-pink phallus rising from a wall carpet-



SEXUAL TENSION: EV Day's stretchy red underthings get pulled out of proportion.

ed in cushy posies.

A decade ago, Cincinnati alt-poppers Ass Ponys catalogued all the awful handmade kitsch in a relative's house: "Earth to Grandma," the refrain went, "What the hell is that?" Here, too, the answer remains blissfully distant.

In the gallery's Project Room is "Red Streak," an installation by EV Day, made of a pair of naughty, stretchy underthings, yard after yard of monofilament fishing line and enough silvery hardware to keep your granddad sorting hooks and eyebolts in the basement all

weekend. Lengths of fishing line zoom through space from an asterisk-shaped array of wall anchors to a point on a neighboring wall. At the center of the network, a Valentine-red thong and garter set, stretched almost to the breaking point, ties the contraption together.

It looks like a concept model for the starcraft of some futuristic society of space Amazons — a whole 'nother Mothership. **GLENN DIXON**

→ *G Fine Art, 1515 14th St. NW, Suite 200; through Jan. 21; 202-462-1601. (McPherson Square)*

STAGE | FLOWER POWER



THORNY THEME: The subject actually is roses — ostensibly, anyway — in Frank D. Gilroy's timeless play "The Subject Was Roses." The drama highlights the little cracks in the seams of one postwar family's dynamics until those cracks become seismic rifts in the larger context of war, country and culture. We are fortunate to have Judith Ivey (above, in rehearsal with Steve Kazee) and Bill Pullman in a Kennedy Center production of the play that begins Saturday.



SPINSTERS: Mattie Safer and Gabe Andruzzi replicate the Rapture's dance-friendly electro-rock with a dual stint at DC9.

Rapturous DJs

Two of dance-rock's finest man the decks at a synthpop party

OUT & ABOUT | Fans of funky punkers the Rapture are suffering through a protracted pause, waiting for a followup to 2003's breakthrough disc "Echoes." "Yeah I know it's been a long time," writes bassist Mattie Safer on the band's Web site. "Ok. It's been a really long time."

As a peace offering, DC 9 offers a pair of DJing band members this

Saturday at Electrotease. Safer will hit the stage as a guest spinner for the electro-synthpop party. He's joined by cousin/bandmate Gabe Andruzzi, who handles sax, keys and percussion for the New York foursome.

The veteran group erupted with danceable rock tunes on "Echoes," flaunting their alliance with lauded production duo DFA of LCD Soundsystem fame. If that didn't supply enough hipster cred, they snagged a 2004 Shortlist Music Prize nomination from legendary Cure frontman Robert Smith.

Safer promises his act is writing and recording five days a week, but he regularly hones his spinning skills with Andruzzi — who opts for the moniker Super DJ Druzzzi — at a weekly Big Apple gig titled Hush Hush Weekender.

With Electrotease's popularity and DC 9's cozy confines, don't expect this one to be on the hush. Arrive early and save a Hamilton.

CRAIG SMITH

→ DC 9, 1940 9th St NW; Sat., 9 p.m., free before 10 p.m., \$10 after; 202-483-5000. (U St.-Cardozo)

Wisdom Of the Ages

Mose Allison's blues takes a wry, poetic view of the world

MUSIC | Starting the new year with a healthy dose of wisdom is always a good thing. And who's better to pass on erudition folded inside blues-laden jazz than the veritable Mose Allison? For three nights at Blues Alley, he will drop world-weary science in a captivating, understated way that few mainstream wordsmiths have yet to grasp.

Allison is known throughout the world as the "William Faulkner of jazz" for his wry poetic narratives, which trace back to his delta Tippto, Miss., roots and formal studies in English literature and philosophy. He's also a commanding pianist, capable of steering a small ensemble through backyard jump blues and billowing bebop with remarkable ease.

His affinity for the blues and jazz were so striking that in the mid-'50s, when the renowned African-American magazine *Jet* requested an interview with him it was surprised to learn that he was white.

With great humor and irony, Allison responded to such shockers with plucky titles like "Your Mind Is On Vacation," "Middle



Sometimes, it seems as if Mose Allison is the only person who knows he's white.

Class White Boy" and "Ever Since I Stole the Blues." Now a bona fide institution — who's informed such smart jazz singers such as Kurt Elling, Patricia Barber and Nellie McKay — Allison continues looking at the world through a pragmatic country boy's eyes.

Given the state of world politics today, it'll be quite interesting if entertaining to hear Allison impart some new words of wisdom on the masses. JOHN MURPH

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Indie Film Inflation

Actors and directors are paying the high cost of making indies

LOW-BUDGET | Traditionally, indie features provided opportunities for emerging artists to work with low budgets for next to nothing. But in the mid-1990s, an influx of bankable actors invaded the scene, willing to work for scale wages on labors of love to prove their credibility or revive sagging careers. Many filmmakers now contend that getting an indie film made without stars is harder than ever before.

"It's gotten out of control," said Glenn Close, who has starred in three indies — "The Chumsclubber," "Heights" and "Nine Lives" — this year alone. "It's taking bigger and bigger names to make smaller and smaller films."

Indie filmmakers say raising a \$1 million-\$2 million budget requires at least one star. And because many agents are reluctant to take 10 percent of wages when their clients are bent on making a small-scale pet project, the bottom line is that many talented, first-time filmmakers without connections are simply priced out of the marketplace. As



NOT TO SCALE: Glenn Close in "Heights," one of her three 2005 indie projects.

a result, the occasional success of films like Miranda July's "Me and You and Everyone We Know" are

more of an anomaly.

Chris Terrio, a first-time feature director with "Heights," had

a more fortunate situation than most: He had backing from producers James Ivory and the late Ishmael Merchant to raise his \$2 million "Heights" budget. "They fought to cast Emma Thompson instead of Meryl Streep in 'The Remains of the Day' under some immense pressure. I mean, it wasn't Emma versus Carmen Electra," he said. "That's what they encouraged in me."

Casting Close in "Heights" worked, he said, because she played a larger-than-life actress. But his next project is a gritty New York-based drama, and he is grappling with the dilemma of keeping the film authentic despite a star in a lead role along with a higher-than-"Heights" budget.

It's not just upcoming filmmakers who risk losing their big breaks, either. As actress Edie Falco noted, "I know too many actors who would be right for films, and a lot of producers won't hire them. It's a very frustrating situation." GREGG GOLDSTEIN (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 The Chronicles of Narnia

Andrew Adamson's sterling version of C.S. Lewis' classic children's fantasy is well told, handsome, stirring and loads of fun. STEPHEN HUNTER

2 King Kong

It's 187 minutes of mesmerization, astonishment, thrills, chills, spills, kills and ills. STEPHEN HUNTER

3 Fun With Dick and Jane

This Jim Carrey-Téa Leoni remake is a no-brainer with a brain, a light, inoffensive comedy. ANN HORNADAY

4 Cheaper by the Dozen 2

The close-knit family of 12 kids is unraveling in this sequel to a good-natured but dull franchise. DESSON THOMSON

5 Rumor Has It

This romantic comedy is a jarring amalgam of sitcom goofiness and uncomfortable ooginess. DESSON THOMSON



SILKEN THREADS: A trio of beauties jostles for power in "Memoirs of a Geisha."

6 The Family Stone

Braying, self-righteous, predictable and loud, the Stones are the subject of a film that means to celebrate them but only denigrates. STEPHEN HUNTER

7 Memoirs of a Geisha

This adaptation is everything you'd expect it to be: beautiful, mesmerizing, tasteful, Japanese. But not remotely enticing. STEPHEN HUNTER

8 The Ringer

This comedy wants credit for its audaciousness for lampooning the athletes of the Special Olympics, but it's terri-

fied of going too far. STEPHEN HUNTER

9 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Readers of the novels may be disappointed by the omissions, but they'll enjoy the large-scale action and smaller-scale interaction. DESSON THOMSON

10 Munich

Steven Spielberg deserves credit for facing the problem of revenge, but his treatment of the story of the 1972 massacre and its aftermath verges on the disrespectful. STEPHEN HUNTER

Indies&Arties

At the National Gallery

A tribute to the Montreal film festival, which celebrates arts documentaries, features award-winning selections from 2005: "The Dali Dimension"; "Tapias Tea: Art o Antoni Tapias"; and "Taoism in a Bowl of Water: Chinese Composer Tai Dun."

→ National Gallery of Art, 600 Constitution Ave. NW; Sat. & Sun.; 202-842-6799.

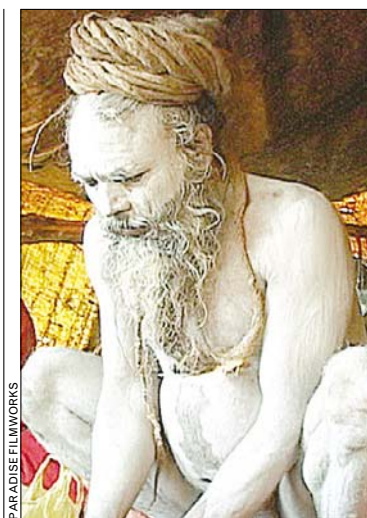
A Morning of Great Children's Books

Scholastic publications come to big-screen life in the animated films "I Lost My Bear," "The Great White Man-Eating Shark," "Doctor De Soto," "T Is for Terrible," "The Snowy Day," "Roberto, The Insect Architect," "Pete's a Pizza" and "The Man Who Walked Between the Towers." The program is part of the Family Film Series.

→ Avalon Theatre, 5612 Connecticut Ave. NW; Sat., 10 a.m.; 202-966-6000.

'Naked in Ashes'

The yogis of India eschew the worldly and seek the transcendent. Filmmaker Paula Fouce is along for the journey in this enlightening documentary, which



Shiv Raj Giri crouches at his holy fire, a symbol of God, in "Naked in Ashes."

looks at yogis whose feats of devotion include standing upright for 12 years.

→ Landmark E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; opens Fri.;

At AFI Silver

More of great Hollywood screenwriter Ernest Lehman's script realizations screen at AFI Silver this weekend: "West Side Story," "Sabrina" and "The Sweet Smell of Success." The Louis Malle retrospective also continues with screenings of "The Thief of Paris" and "Viva Maria!"

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BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) ✓ 12:40, 4:10, 7:25, 10:30
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AEON FLUX (PG13) 9:30 PM
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CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:50
FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG13) 2:35, 5:00, 7:40
THE FAMILY STONE (PG13) 2:00, 4:15, 7:15
KING KONG (PG13) 2:45, 5:00, 7:30
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 2:10, 5:10, 8:15
SYRIANA (R) 2:20, 5:15, 8:10
YOURS, MINE & OURS (PG) 2:30

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SYRIANA (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:05, 10:00
YOURS, MINE & OURS (PG) 12:15 PM
HARRY POTTER 4 (PG13) 12:10, 3:30, 7:00
WALK THE LINE (PG13) 10:25 PM

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RUMOR HAS IT (PG13) 5:00, 8:15
WOLF CREEK (R) 5:20, 8:45
CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) 4:50, 8:00
FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG13) 1:30, 4:15, 8:45
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THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 1:45, 4:50, 8:00
SYRIANA (R) 7:45
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WALK THE LINE (PG13) 3:00, 6:15, 9:10
CHICKEN LITTLE (G) 2:05

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WOLF CREEK (R) ✓ 3:00, 5:35, 8:00
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13) 2:20, 5:40, 8:45
THE RINGER (PG13) 3:10, 5:20, 7:50
THE FAMILY STONE (PG13) 2:50, 5:15, 8:10
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 2:30, 5:30, 8:30
HARRY POTTER 4 (PG13) 2:10

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National Symphony Orchestra Pops: The Fifties, 8 p.m., \$20-\$80.

Nation: Cubik (house, drum 'n' bass, jungle), 9 p.m.

9:30 Club: Virginia Coalition, Jack's House, 9:45 p.m., \$17.50.

Platinum: Plush with DJ Alize, 9 p.m., ladies free until midnight, \$10-\$15.

Smithsonian Jazz Cafe: Frank Vignola & Joe Ascione: "The Frank & Joe Show," 6 p.m., \$10.

State Theatre: Soldiers of Jah Army, Jah Works, 9 p.m., \$16.

Velvet Lounge: False Trust, Lucky Bastards, Fully Operational Japan, 10 p.m., \$8.

Warehouse Next Door: Secret Lives, Cassette, the April Decca, 8:30 p.m., \$7.

Washington National Cathedral: The Folger Consort, 8 p.m., \$27-\$40.

Wolf Trap: Chris Smithers, 8 p.m., \$20.

→ SATURDAY

Apex: Liquid Ladies, 9 p.m., \$8.

Asylum: Barrelhouse Magazine Launch Party, 8 p.m.

Birchmere Music Hall: Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder, 7:30 p.m., \$35.

Black Cat: Supersystem, French Toast, Ris Paul Ric, 9:30 p.m., \$9. Wag: garage & soul, 9:30 p.m., free (backstage).

Blues Alley: Mose Allison Trio, 8 & 10 p.m., \$24.50

Club Amazon: The L!ssen Band, 10 p.m., ladies free before 11 p.m.

Crossroads: DJ Super Slice, Zone One,

Bobby's Music Machine, 10 p.m., \$15.

DC9: Electrotease with guest DJ Mattie Safer, 9:30 p.m. \$10.

Fur: Pete Moutso, Dan Sampson, DJ Trencher, DJ Philpz, St. James, 10 p.m. \$20.

Galaxy Hut: Andy Zipf, Shapiro, 9:30 p.m., \$5.

Iota Club & Cafe: The Sketches, Conshafter, Justin Jones, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Politicks, Slightly Something, 7 p.m., \$10.

Kennedy Center: Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra, 6 p.m., free. National Symphony Orchestra Pops: The Fifties, 8 p.m., \$20-\$80. NSO Teddy Bear Concerts: Tunes 'n' Tales, I & 2:30 p.m., \$15.

Nation: Velvet, 10 p.m., \$15.

9:30 Club: The Pietasters, the Slackers, 33 West, Rootworkers, 9:45 p.m., \$15.

Platinum: Party mix with DJs Gemini, Smokey Joe & Jose, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15.

Republic Gardens: Usual Suspects and Hypnotic Entertainment, 9:30 p.m., \$20 after 11 p.m.

U-Turn: Left Unsaid, Porch Mob, the Marksmen, With Haste, Clockwork Bully, 10 p.m., \$8.

Velvet Lounge: Barrow, Illuminati, Stoley PT, 10 p.m., \$8.

Warehouse Next Door: Genghis Tron, Child Abuse, the Wayward, the Bugs, 8:30 p.m., \$7.

Washington Ethical Society: Helen Schneyer memorial musical tribute, with the Double Decker String Band, Martin Grosswendt, Alice Gerrard, Riki Schneyer

and Andy Wallace, 8 p.m., \$20.

Washington National Cathedral: The Folger Consort, 8 p.m., \$27-\$40.

→ SUNDAY

Black Cat: The Five Maseratis, the Ambitions, 9 p.m., \$5.

Blues Alley: Mose Allison Trio, 8 & 10 p.m., \$24.50

Crossroads: Dancehall, 10 p.m., \$15 before 11.

DC9: Stillwell, the Dreamscapes Project, Everyone but Pete, 9:30 p.m., \$7.

Five: Trade (alternative lifestyles), 9 p.m.

Galaxy Hut: Page France, These United States, Paleo, 9:45 p.m., \$5.

George Washington University: Electric Possible, 8 p.m., \$5.

Improv: Jeff Caldwell, Chip Franklin, 8:30 p.m., \$15.

Iota Club & Cafe: Iota poetry series, 6 p.m., free. Monticello Road, 8:30 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Screaming Puppets (improv comedy), 6 p.m., \$10. Stone Gato, the Allan Scott Band, 8:30 p.m., \$10.

Kennedy Center: Urban Nation H.I.P.-H.O.P., 6 p.m., free. National Symphony Orchestra Ensemble Concerts: Connections: Science and Music I & 3:30 p.m., \$15. The Choral Arts Society of Washington: 18th Annual Choral Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 7:30 p.m., \$15.

Platinum: DJs Alize, Trini, & Superslice-Muzik Nashun, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15.

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Freer Gallery of Art/Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: Imperial Costumes From Ottoman Turkey, through Jan. 22. Gold, the Asian Touch, through Feb. 19. Perspectives: Mei Ling Hom, a site-specific installation, through March 5. Chinese Music and the Visual Arts, through March 26. Jefferson Drive & I2th Street SW; 202-633-4880.

Fusebox: Vesna Pavlovic photographed the art collections in Belgrade's communist Presidential Palace and Chase Manhattan. Ian Whitmore's Little Lies, artists' receptions Sat. at 6:30 p.m., both through Feb. 11. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-299-9220.

G Fine Art: EV Day's Red Streak, unusual uses of a thong and fishing wire. With Lovely Monsters, Luis Silva's creepy-cute creatures, both through Jan. 21. 1515 14th St. NW, Suite 200; 202-462-1601.

Goethe-Institut: The Art of Being German, young people's photos, through Feb. 28. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200.

Hemphill Fine Art: Katherine Sherwood's new abstract compositions. Arlene Shechet, Round and Round. A.J. Bocchino's color-coded New York Times' headlines. Reception Sat. at 6:30 p.m., all through Feb. 25. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601.

Hillel's Schusterman International Center: Darfur Drawn: The Conflict of Darfur through Children's Eyes. Sudanese children's drawings, through Jan. 20. 800 8th St. NW; 202-449-6537.

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden: Hiraki Sawa's black-and-white digital video works, through March 1. Directions — Jim Hodges, a billboard on the museum's facade, through April 1. 7th Street & Independence Avenue. SW; 202-633-1000.

Irvine Contemporary: Bede Murphy, The Name-Dropper, Murphy's mixed-media pieces combine painting and drawing and evoke Dali without seeming derivative.

Jason Zimmerman, Straight, Street, Traditional — New Photographs, the Corcoran College grad endeavors to present "humorous, but ultimately melancholy" photographs of forgotten objects, artists' receptions Fri. at 6 p.m., gallery talks Sat. at 2 p.m., both through Feb. 11. 1710 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-8767.

Kathleen Ewing Gallery: Michael Gross: Sources: new paintings, prints and drawings, through Jan 19. 1609 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-328-0955.

Mandarin Oriental: French painter Jean Marc Huss' images of Buddha, through Feb. 28. 1330 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-554-8588.

National Air and Space Museum: World War II Aviation, Golden Age of

cats, rabbits, people & more, ongoing. 1700 Connecticut Ave.; 202-721-0043.

Anne C. Fisher Gallery: South American Holiday: four South American artists living in D.C. show their work together, through Jan. 13. PostSecret: anonymously submitted secrets, ongoing. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-625-7555.

Ann Loeb Bronfman Gallery: Aliza Olmet: Tikkun. Broken eggshells are reunited & enhanced, through Jan. 30. 16th & Q streets; 202-518-9400.

LAST CHANCE Arlington Arts Center: Mori: Virtually experience the world's geological events occurring. Drawing: Tradition & Innovation, juried show with 22 artists. Tell Me More Stories: Marie Anasazi and Zoe Leoudaki's collaborative work explores fairytales using film, all through Jan. 7. 3550 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington; 703-248-6800.

Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives: Adolf Cluss, influential D.C. architect, through Feb. 28. 1201 17th St. NW; 202-442-6060.

Conner Contemporary Art: Dean Kesmann: "Plastic on Paper," photographs of plastic bags, opening reception Fri. at 6 p.m., through Jan. 31. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: Sam Gilliam, A Retrospective, through Jan. 22. Warhol Legacy, through Feb. 20. Picturing the Banjo, through March 6. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700.

D.C. Arts Center: In Memory D. Thompson, poems created by rubbing text on headstones in Congressional Cemetery, through Jan. 22. 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833.

Flashpoint: Corcoran College Professor Christopher Williams makes the gallery his own, through Jan. 14. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310.

LAST CHANCE Fraser Gallery
Bethesda: Winter Group Exhibit, through Jan 11. 7700 E. Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651.

Fraser Gallery Georgetown: New real-

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Flight, Beyond the Limits, Space Flight, many more, ongoing. 4th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-357-2700.

National Archives: The Way We Worked, photos and artifacts honoring working Americans, through May 29. Constitution Ave. & 9th St. NW; 202-501-5000.

LAST CHANCE National Building Museum: Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community, through Jan. 8. Civitas: Traditional Urbanism in Contemporary Practice, through Jan. 8. Liquid Stone: New Architecture in Concrete, through Jan. 29. Investigating Where We Live, photographs, poems, stories and narratives explore three D.C. neighborhoods, through Feb. 19. Cityscapes Revealed: Highlights from the museum's permanent collection. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

National Gallery of Art: The Prints of Felix Buhot: Impressions of City and Sea, through Feb. 20. Winslow Homer, through Feb. 20. Monumental Sculpture in Florence: restored 15th-century works by Ghiberti, di Banco and del Verrocchio, through Feb. 26. Asher B. Durand's Kindred Spirits, through Feb. 28. Audubon's Dream Realized, through March 26. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-357-5300.

National Geographic Society: Wide Angle, a selection of photos of landscapes as seen from far above, the photos are also collected in a new NGS book, through Jan. 25. 17th & M streets NW; 202-857-7588.

National Museum of American History: Azúcar! The Life and Music of Celia Cruz, Ray Charles: "The Genius," both through Sept. 4. Disneyland: The First 50 Years, the American Industrial Revolution, the Star-Spangled Banner and others, ongoing. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of Health and Medicine: This Dust Was Once the Man: artifacts of Lincoln. Battlefield Surgery 101: From the Civil War to Vietnam. From a Single Cell, all ongoing. Walter Reed Hospital, Georgia Avenue and Elder Street Gate, NW; 202-782-2200.

National Museum of Natural History: Ancient Columbian Gold, through April 9. Frost: Life and Culture of the Sami people of Norway, through April 23. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: Alice Neel's Women, the famed portraitist's works through Jan. 15. Paintings & Works on Paper by May Stevens, through Jan. 15. Monica Castillo: The Painter and the Body, through Jan. 22. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000.

LAST CHANCE Phillips Collection:

Sean Scully's abstract Wall of Light, through Jan. 8. Over 2000 abstract impressionist works, including art by Matisse, Picasso, Cézanne, many more, ongoing. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151.

LAST CHANCE PostSecret: The popular D.C.-based art project featuring anonymous postcards, \$10 donation to charity requested, through Jan. 8. 3307 M St. NW; 202-639-1828.

Renwick Gallery: Modernism in American Silver, through Jan. 22. Pennsylvania Avenue & 17th Street NW; 202-633-2850.

LAST CHANCE S. Dillon Ripley Center: Retratos: 2,000 years of Latin-American portraiture, through Jan. 8. 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; 202-633-1000.

Sixth & I Historic Synagogue: Circles Within Circles: Jewish Time Frames, through Jan. 31. 6th & I streets NW; 202-789-0100.

Target Gallery: Washington Guild of Goldsmiths Metal 2005, juried show, through Jan. 15. Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565.

Textile Museum: Gods and Empire: Huari Ceremonial Textiles, through Jan. 15. Rozome Masters of Japan, screens, kimono, scrolls by contemporary Japanese artists using the wax-resist dyeing

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WINTER WONDERLAND: Ian Whitmore works in extreme color and with an extreme sense of humor. His latest paintings series, "Little Lies," now at Fusebox, celebrates frou-frou in his typically dead-serious manner.

technique, through Feb. 12. Silk & Leather: Splendid Attire of 19th-Century Central Asia, through Feb. 26. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441.

LAST CHANCE Touchstone Gallery: "Mississippi Images," recent photos by Mike Lang. Art Enables and the Winter Solstice, the work of disabled local artists, through Jan. 8. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787.

Transformer: Little Creatures, art brut, comic book art, found objects, taxidermy and more, through Jan. 14. 1404 P St. NW; 202-483-1102.

LAST CHANCE University of Maryland University College: Dynamic Spaces; Abstract Form Within and Beyond the Landscape: Painting, collage and assemblage by Larry Chapple, through Jan. 9. UMUC Inn & Conference Center Art Gallery, 3501 University Boulevard East, Adelphi; 800-888-8682.

Washington Printmakers Gallery: 4 Printmakers, 2 Curators: Hung Liu's multi-layered images combine China's ancient and modern past, while Nebraskan Karen Kunc focuses on the Midwest's landscape. The work of Renee Stout and Tanja Softic is also featured, reception Friday at 5 p.m., through Jan. 29. 1732 Conn. Ave. NW; 202-332-7757.

Washington Works on Paper Gallery: The Curves of Natural Radiance: large-format body prints by Angela White, through Jan. 15. 3420 9 St. NE; 202-526-4848.

Zenith Gallery: Drew Ernst's Connected, a collection of realist paintings, through Jan. 8. Artists of New York Ave., through

Jan. 27. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963.

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SATURDAY ONLY Color Me Dark: A

Story of the Great Migration North:

The Saturday Morning Children's Series presents its adaptation of Patricia C. McKissack's book. Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville; 301-251-7538.

LAST CHANCE The Comedy of

Errors: Shakespeare Theatre Company's well-received version of the Bard's farcical whirlwind of misunderstandings and mistaken identity incorporates Middle Eastern settings and Salvador Dali influences, through Jan. 8, \$14.25-\$71.25. Shakespeare Theatre Company, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122.

Damn Yankees: The perennial musical about a fanatic Washington Senators fan's deal with the devil, through Feb. 5. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-488-3300.

An Empty Plate in the Café du Grand Boeuf: In the Washington Stage Guild's latest offering, a gourmand maintains Paris' finest restaurant for himself alone, until his heart is broken and he decides to starve to death. This is a comedy, through Feb. 5, \$30-\$35. 1901 14th St. NW.

An Experiment with an Air Pump:

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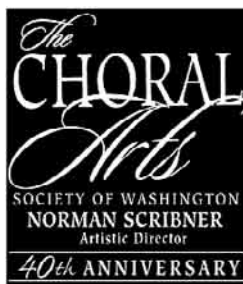
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THURSDAY

In a week when a couple of bars are preparing to celebrate Elvis' birthday, it's nice to start off with an evening that'll favor rowdy beer-drinkin' songs over swiveling hips and Hollywood gloss. Tonight at **JV's**, the solid local country quintet Tonk Confidential is hosting a tribute to outlaw country legend Merle Haggard's music, with plenty of special guest beer drinkers and hellraisers expected to drop by for a few songs. If there's a better spot for this than divey little JV's, we can't imagine what it could be. The music starts at 9 p.m.

If you missed the cut for MTV's "Made" and you've been subjecting yourself to a regimen of furious workouts facilitated by "Darren's Dance Grooves," you might want to make your way down to **LOVE** tonight. Doors open at 9 p.m. for the "You Got Served" dance competition — open to everyone, with a \$300 cash prize — followed by a performance from local b-boy crews. There's a free pass waiting for you at lovetheclub.com.

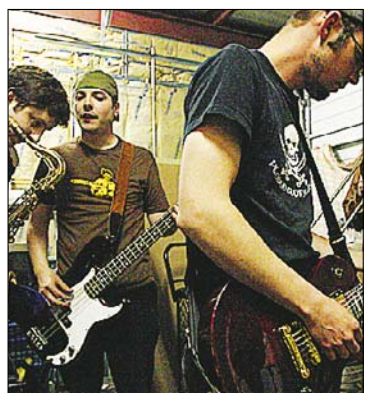
FRIDAY

As the primary doorman at the recently shuttered Red nightclub, Mustafa Akbar long tended to the throngs of partygoers who wanted to dance until dawn. He's also capable of projecting a sonorous baritone over the soulful dance grooves of his band the Chosen. Best known (and most often recognized) for his work with the Eighteenth Street Lounge's Thunderball, Akbar has released a scant handful of recordings, lending some heft to the theory that quality and quantity often have an inverse relationship. He's joined at the **BLACK CAT** tonight by Cy Young, a gruff rhyme-spitter who often plays Parrish Smith to Kev Brown's Erick Sermon. Vocalist Muhsinah will be stepping out alone from Bilal Salaam's camp for one evening to make it a triple bill.

One of Puerto Rico's most beloved sons plays Washington tonight. Willie Colon was one of the chief architects of the salsa explosion in the '60s that blended Afro-Cuban jazz with Puerto Rican influences. Besides his long discography of work with the likes of Celia Cruz, Ruben Blades and Hector Lavoe, one of Colon's major contributions



SEEN AT RED: Sweet-singing Mustafa Akbar has spent a lot of time on the scene.



Saturday, the Pietasters and friends are certain to skank up the 9:30 Club.

has been giving the trombone a lead voice in salsa ensembles. Tonight's concert at **H2O** is his last swing through Washington. Get on the guest list (www.h2odc.com) to get in free before midnight or take your chances with \$10-and-up inflation. Don't forget about the open bar from 9 to 11 p.m.

SATURDAY

There's good rockin' tonight: Elvis Presley's birthday is Jan. 8, but since Elvisphiles can't wait that long, you can get a jump on celebrating before the clock strikes 12.

If you've ever fancied yourself an amateur Elvis, you can give it a go tonight at **DR. DREMO'S** annual Elvis Celebration, which features

impersonators, live music, a costume contest and Elvis Karaoke. The folks at Dremo's are giving you every incentive to dress up as the King: There's a \$100 prize for best costume, there's no cover or waiting in line at the door, and you need to be in some sort of Elvis getup to participate in karaoke. You might as well go all out.

You may be surprised to find out that there are still bands playing ska a full five or six years after the mainstream's infatuation with the genre ended. Two of the finest will be at the **9:30 CLUB** tonight, including locals the Pietasters. The octet has never played the "usual" brand of ska: there have always been other genres represented in the Pietasters' sound, including heavy helpings of soul, R&B and classic British pop.

SUNDAY

Still more Elvis? How about the King on Ice? College Park's **WELLS ICE RINK** is hosting an Elvis-themed skating session from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight with Elvis music and other "treats." Dress as Elvis and you'll pay a \$1 to rent your skates. Otherwise, it's \$4.

Check out an extended version of "Nightlife Agenda" each Thursday at washingtonpost.com/nightlife



THIS Friday, January 6th

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Buzzlife is ringing in the New Year with a bang that will blow people's minds. Looking to the influences of House, Breaks, and Electro to give people something unlike anything they have ever experienced before. This night looks to take elements that have been around for years and totally twist your perception of them to present a futuristic view of what they are now, and will become.

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DJ IRENE
(djirene.net, Circus Disco, LA)

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